

WEATHER FORECASTS

For 24 hours ending 2 p.m. Wednesday:
Victoria and vicinity—Western winds,
generally fair and cold.
Lower Mainland—Light to moderate
winds, partly cloudy, with occasional
rain or sleet, and colder.

Victoria Daily Times

WHERE TO GO TO-NIGHT

Dominion Theatre—Mary Garden.
Variety—Julian Belling.
Royal Victoria—Eddie Ferguson.
Pantages—War Drama Picture.

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WAR AIMS ARE CLEARLY STATED BY PRESIDENT WILSON

GREAT CRISIS GROWS IN GERMANY; PARTIES ALREADY FAR APART

Split Is on the Question of Annexations; Bolsheviks
Brought It On; Nearby Neutral Observers Say Gap
Is So Wide Now It Cannot Be Bridged

London, Jan. 8.—A reply from the Central Powers to the statement of the British war aims made by Mr. Lloyd George last Saturday is awaited here with the greatest interest. It is believed that Germany and her allies can not decline to reply in some such form as to make the reply more straightforward and definite than any previous statement of their aims.

But if the German papers correctly mirror the situation there, the test which the Bolsheviks have made of Germany's attitude toward the principle of no annexations has thrown Germany into political turmoil. Advice from the capitals of neutral countries bordering on Germany show that the opinion prevalent there is that one of the most severe national crises in the history of Germany is developing as the result of the differences of view between the militarist and non-militarist leaders regarding the Government's attitude toward Russia.

It is reported generally that General von Ludendorff, as leader of the former group, actually has gone so far as to threaten the resignation of himself as first quartermaster-general of the army and Field-Marshal Hindenburg as Chief of Staff, if further countenance is given even to such views as those advanced by men of the type of Dr. von Kuehmann and Count Cernin, the German and Austrian Foreign Ministers.

At the same time the views of von Kuehmann and Cernin fail to satisfy the German Socialists, who regard their "middle-of-the-road" policy as tricky and who are determined that the spirit of the Reichstag resolution of July last must be followed sincerely and without qualification or reserve.

Chasm Widens.
Neutral observers declare that the gap between the German parties suddenly has become a chasm so wide that there is little hope of bridging it, and that the development of an internal crisis of serious proportions seems inevitable.

On the other hand, it is pointed out that the various parties in the Entente countries never appeared so completely united as in their support of the war aims formulated by Mr. Lloyd George.

SINN FEINERS PLAN REFERENDUM NOW

Asking People to Vote on Question of an Independent Ireland

Toronto, Jan. 8.—A special cable dispatch to The Toronto Globe from Cork, Ireland, says:

"The Sinn Feiners have completed their organization for taking a referendum of the people of Ireland on the question of 'A Free and Independent Ireland,' and hope to have the full returns ready in two weeks."

"Questioned on the matter, a prominent member of the organization said that the voting would open soon, and when the figures were announced it would be open to any voter to examine the votes as to their accuracy."

"A vote on these principles is bound to be a failure, as there are numbers of people in Ireland who will refuse to vote under any conditions and a big majority who would vote in secret to remain within the British Empire, but will not vote on an open ballot. Since the publishing of the German peace terms pointedly ignoring the Irish question, which the Sinn Feiners told the country was one of the trump cards of the Central Powers, the Sinn Feiners have gone out of the republican organizations, and they are now hard set to put a new stunt before the people."

British Aviators Score on Northern Italian Battleline

London, Jan. 8.—British aviators on the northern Italian front in the course of the last week destroyed eight Austro-German machines and forced two others to the ground. The War Office here announced today. The British in the aerial engagements lost only one aeroplane.

Reopening Schools in City of Venice; Defence Is Secure

Venice, Jan. 7.—(Via Rome and London, Jan. 8.)—The public schools of Venice, which were ordered closed when the city was threatened and evacuated, have been ordered to reopen on January 15.

This is an indication of the re-establishment of normal conditions, as the school board in making the order declared its confidence that the defences were sufficient to insure the protection of Venice from invasion.

Butter \$2.25 Pound in Berlin; Bacon is Selling at \$2.11 Now

Washington, Jan. 8.—Butter is selling in Berlin at \$2.25 per pound, sugar at 56 cents a pound, ham and bacon at \$2.11 per pound and American soap at five bars for \$1.12.

This information, received by the Food Administration here, comes through a reliable source. The prices are from four to five times as high as those prevailing in the United States.

VICTORIA LOGICAL SITE FOR STEEL MILLS; LOCAL MOVE TO ATTRACT PLANT

With an inexhaustible supply of iron ore and the coal fields of the Province at its very "back door," Victoria is not going to sit idly by while other communities are endeavoring to stampede the Government into locating the proposed steel rolling mills elsewhere.

A strong movement is already afoot here to prove to the powers that this city has the strongest claims as the ideal location for the establishment of a steel rolling plant, which the Dominion Government recently announced as part of its policy in connection with the furtherance of a vast steel shipbuilding scheme.

There is not the slightest doubt in the minds of anyone who has made a study of the situation that Victoria is the logical place as the site of such a plant and nothing will be overlooked in placing her just claims in the right quarter.

In order that a rolling mill of this character can be operated successfully and economically it is naturally essential that it be located at a favorable distributing centre as near as possible to where the iron ores are available. No place has a better claim in this respect than Victoria.

The ore is right here and it is here in limitless quantities. Victoria can go still further than that in pressing her claims. The great coal fields of British Columbia are right handy, within easy shipping distance by rail or water. Furthermore, the very best quality of coking coal is available and this is the material that is required to smelt the ores.

Victoria, also, by her strategic location, is admirably located as a distributing centre for the completed shipbuilding material.

Shipbuilder's Views.
"There is only one place for the establishment of such a plant, and that is right here," said J. H. Price, president of the Cameron-Genoa Mills Shipbuilders, Ltd., to-day in discussing the Government proposals regarding the establishment of mills for the rolling of steel ship plates.

"Victoria has the iron ore right at her doorstep and also the necessary materials needed for the manufacture of steel," Mr. Price maintained that Victoria had every right to full consideration of her claims before a site was chosen for the proposed plant on this coast.

Mr. Price is a man who knows what he is talking about. He has been in the shipbuilding game from boyhood, serving his apprenticeship in steel shipbuilding yards and working his way up from the bottom rung of the ladder. What he does not know about shipbuilding isn't worth knowing. Acknowledged to be one of the most expert wooden ship designers anywhere on the Pacific Coast, he has not always confined his activities to wooden construction. He can design steel ships just as easily as wooden vessels, and may be looked upon as a big factor in the development of the steel shipbuilding industry here.

"There is no doubt that all the wooden yards in British Columbia will ultimately be turned into steel shipbuilding plants," said Mr. Price, "and now is the time to establish steel mills."

Every Advantage.
"Victoria undoubtedly has every advantage in that respect," said R. R. Neild, manager of the Victoria Machinery Depot, in conversation with a Times man relative to the proposed location of a steel-producing plant on this coast.

"Every effort will be made to press Victoria's claims," Mr. Neild expressed the opinion that a plant capable of producing 750 tons daily could be sufficient for the present needs of the steel shipbuilding industry.

Must Compete.
"It would be fine to have such a plant located here as it would provide plenty of work and increased payrolls," said Norman A. Yarrow, manager of Yarrow's, Ltd., of Esquimalt. "Whatever is done, however," added Mr. Yarrow, "steel would have to be produced at a price to compare with the figure on steel manufactured by American plants."

He pointed out that at the present time no duty had to be paid on steel plates imported from the United States, and consequently he was of the opinion that the great advantage would be the question of freight, although he admitted that there had been considerable difficulty in securing delivery of steel from the American side.

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MR. WILSON'S STATEMENT OF AIMS IN DETAIL COINCIDES WITH THE ONE MADE BY MR. LLOYD GEORGE

LLOYD GEORGE FUSES OPINION IN BRITAIN

Divergent Schools of Thought
Drawn Together by Recent Speech

London, Jan. 8.—The comments of the newspapers in this country and of public men of all parties and shades of opinion show that the statement of the British war aims made by Mr. Lloyd George, last Saturday, has drawn together an unexpected degree of the divergent schools of opinion. Supporters of a war to a finish, on the one hand, and out-and-out pacifists, on the other, endorse the Government's platform, while the opponents of the "knockout blow" and "no peace with the Hohenzollerns" battle cries also have come into line.

The London Morning Post, which has been the most consistent disbeliever in the possibility of any plan of a league of nations, gives a half-hearted protest, but stands almost alone in that position. The Northcliffe newspapers, The Times and The Daily Mail, which have pursued the same policy, endorse the statement. The Marquis of Lansdowne, the Labor leaders and two pacifists who hitherto have opposed the Government, James Ramsay MacDonald and Philip Snowden, give qualified support to the Prime Minister's utterance.

It is felt that the Central Powers can not refuse to put forth some form of a reply to this detailed and specific programme more straightforward and definite than any statement of their war aims they have yet uttered. This reply is awaited with the greatest interest.

ORDER OF EMPIRE FOR MANY PERSONS

List of Those Just Honored
by King is Long One

London, Jan. 8.—(via Reuter's Ottawa Agency)—The latest recipients of the various grades of the Order of the British Empire for war services are headed by Queen Alexandra, who is made a Dame Grand Cross. Seven Knights Grand Cross include Sir Arthur Lee, Director of Food Production in the United Kingdom, and Sir William Plender Wingate, High Commissioner for Egypt. Five Dames Grand Cross include Viscountess Northcliffe. Sixty-eight Knights Commander include William A. M. Goode, honorary secretary of the National Committee for Belgian Relief; Alexander Grace, managing director of the Fairfield Shipbuilding Company; John Lloyd, Director-General of Recruiting; James McKechnie, managing director of Vickers, Ltd.; Roderick James, managing director of Reuters; Charles Stewart, public trustee, and Major-General Lee Stack, acting Sirdar of Egypt. Fourteen Dames Commander include Lady Lugard, founder of the War Refugees' Committee; two hundred and seventy-two Commanders include Miss Stevenson, private secretary to Mr. Lloyd George.

There is a long list of officers and members of the Order.

Known Throughout Canada.
Ottawa, Jan. 8.—In the list of decorations appearing in a cable to-day from London in the newly-created Order of the British Empire is the name of W. A. M. Goode. Mr. Goode is a native of Newfoundland. He is well-known throughout Canada. He represented the Associated Press in the Spanish-American War and afterward was its manager in London. When The London Standard was taken over by the Chamberlain party Mr. Goode was made managing editor and took an active part in all that makes for empire. For a time he was manager in Canada of The Standard of Empire. He is honorary secretary of the West Indies Club in London, and is married to a daughter of Dr. C. A. Sippl, of London, Ont.

A CALL TO TORONTO.
Toronto, Jan. 8.—Rev. Dr. G. A. Sinclair, of Winnipeg, has been called to the High Park Presbyterian Church here.

Midchat Bey, who formerly was secretary of the party of the Young Turks, has not been prominently mentioned since 1915, when he was connected with the peace movement in Italy.

The unwillingness or inability of Germany to help Turkey," continued Midchat Bey, "has occasioned a feeling of revulsion among the pro-German Turks which may have far-reaching consequences. The stop-the-war or peace movement in Constantinople derives its principal impetus from the economic situation of the people rather than from any feeling of timidity at the dwindling of Turkish power and prestige. The terrible condition of the poorer classes can not easily be exaggerated. Bankruptcy threatens the country."

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Must Be Restoration of Occupied Territories and Reparation by Enemy, He Declares; Agreements Must Be Guaranteed; Other Points

Washington, Jan. 8.—With a new statement of war aims, approving the recent declaration of the British Prime Minister, Rt. Hon. David Lloyd George, President Wilson to-day presented to Congress and the world a specific declaration of the terms on which it would be possible to make peace with Germany.

The President's programme is composed of fourteen separate articles and provides for restoration and reparation, guarantees for territory and national life, freedom of the seas and access to them, reduction of armaments and guarantees for the sanctity of agreements between nations. In a word, the President said, the programme removes the chief provocation to war.

But in order that his pronouncement should be definitely understood as one of war aims rather than peace aims, the President declared: "For such arrangements and covenants we are willing to fight and to continue fighting until they are achieved."

This, he said, was a restatement of the truth that the world wars only upon a Germany crazed by war, not upon a Germany of peaceful pursuits, no matter how great they may be. "We wish her only to accept the place of equality among the people of the world—the new world in which we now live—instead of a place of mastery," said the President.

These aims, the President declared, shared by the co-belligerents arrayed against the Central Empires, were the aims and principles of the people of the United States, for which they are willing to sacrifice everything.

"The moral climax of this, the culminating and final war for human liberty, has come," said the President in conclusion, "and they (the people of the United States) are ready to put their own strength, their own highest purpose, their own integrity and devotion to the test."

The programme for world peace, removing, as the President said, the chief provocations for war and, therefore, the only possible programme, he presented as follows:

"1—Open covenants of peace, openly arrived at, after which there shall be no private international understandings of any kind, but diplomacy shall proceed always frankly and in the public view."

"2—Absolute freedom of navigation upon the seas outside territorial waters, alike in peace and in war, except as the seas may be closed in whole or in part by international enforcement of international covenants."

"3—The removal, so far as possible, of all economic barriers and the establishment of an equality of trade conditions among all the nations consenting to the peace and associating themselves for its maintenance."

Naval Armaments.
"4—Adequate guarantees given and taken that naval armaments will be reduced to the lowest point consistent with democratic safety."

"5—A free, open-minded and absolutely impartial adjustment of all colonial claims, based upon a strict observance of the principle that in determining all such questions of sovereignty the interests of the populations concerned must have equal weight with the equitable claims of the Government whose claim it is to be determined."

Russian Nation.
"6—The evacuation of all Russian territory and such a settlement of all questions affecting Russia as will secure the best and freest co-operation of the other nations of the world in obtaining for her an unhampered and unembarrassed opportunity for the independent determination of her own political development and national policy and assure her of a sincere welcome into the society of free nations under institutions of her own choosing and more than a welcome assistance also of every kind that she may need and may desire."

Belgium.
"7—Belgium, the whole world will agree, must be evacuated and restored without any attempt to limit the sovereignty which she enjoys in common with all other free nations. No other single act will serve as this will serve

to restore confidence among the nations in the laws which they have themselves set and determined for the government of their relations with one another. Without this healing act, the whole structure and validity of international law would be forever impaired."

Alsace-Lorraine.
"8—All French territory should be freed and the invaded portions restored and the wrong done to France by Prussia in 1871 in the matter of Alsace-Lorraine, which has unsettled the peace of the world for nearly 50 years, should be righted in order that peace may once more be made secure in the interests of all."

Italy.
"9—A readjustment of the frontiers of Italy should be effected along clearly recognizable lines of nationality."

"10—The peoples of Austria-Hungary, whose place among the nations we wish to see safeguarded and assured, should be accorded the freest opportunity of autonomous development."

Balkans.
"11—Rumania, Serbia and Montenegro should be evacuated; occupied territories restored; Serbia accorded free and secure access to the sea; and the relations of the several Balkan States to one another determined by friendly counsel along historically established lines of allegiance and nationality, and international guarantees of the political and economic independence and territorial integrity of the several Balkan States should be entered into."

Turkey.
"12—The Turkish portions of the present Ottoman Empire should be so secured a secure sovereignty, but the other nationalities which are now under Turkish rule should be assured an undoubted security of life and an absolutely unmolested opportunity of autonomous development, and the Dardanelles should be permanently opened as a free passage to the ships and commerce of all nations under international guarantees."

Polish State.
"13—An independent Polish state should be erected which should include the territories inhabited by indisputably Polish populations, which should be assured a free and secure access to the sea, and whose political and economic independence and territorial integrity should be guaranteed by international covenant."

League of Nations.
"14—A general association of nations must be formed, under specific covenants, for the purpose of affording mutual guarantees of political independence and territorial integrity to great and small states alike."

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Spanish Parliament Not Dissolved; Time for King to Think

Madrid, Jan. 8.—Premier Alhucemas declared to-day that the Government had decided to consider the decree dissolving the Cortes as not having been signed. The Ministry, he said, proposes to submit a new decree to the King, thus giving him an opportunity of studying the situation afresh before signing.

King Alfonso signed a decree dissolving the Spanish Parliament last Thursday and it was announced that a general election would be held on February 17. Dissolution of Parliament was decided upon by the Cabinet early in December.

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EDUCATION PROBLEM IN QUEBEC PROVINCE

Montreal, Jan. 8.—Dr. J. T. Finnie, M.P.P., in an address yesterday to the Montreal Women's Club urged the need of the adoption of compulsory education in the Province of Quebec. He made a comparison between the country schools of Ontario and Quebec in favor of the former, and he called attention to the fact that in Ontario the children had the inspiration of seeing the British flag flying on their schoolhouses, whereas in Quebec some children hardly realized that they were subjects of the British Empire.

Miss Isabel Britton informed the audience that there are 9,000 children in Montreal neither Protestant nor Roman Catholic, whose education is being absolutely neglected.

QUEBEC BRIDGE.

Quebec, Jan. 8.—Regular passenger train traffic over the new Quebec Bridge is in progress. The service was opened on Sunday, when a train from Montreal used the route. Hereafter trains will leave Quebec City daily for Montreal and eastern points via the bridge.

GERMAN SOCIALISTS AND ANNEXATION

Amsterdam, Jan. 8.—The German Social-Democratic party, says a Berlin dispatch, has adopted a resolution that in view of the occurrences at Brest-Litovsk and the annexationists' attack on the people's right of self-determination, it again declares that a lasting peace is possible only if the democratic principle of self-determination is honestly carried out. The party demands that free and absolutely independent expression of will shall be guaranteed to the peoples concerned. The Social-Democratic party also approved its representatives' standpoint in the main committee of the Reichstag and has resolved resolutely to combat the misuse of the right of self-determination for the purpose of disguised annexations.

TRAINS CANCELLED.

Montreal, Jan. 8.—Carrying out the policy of running as few trains as possible, the Canadian and American railroads have agreed to cancel all Sunday trains between Montreal and New York, Boston and Portland.

LITTLE LIQUOR USED BY AMERICAN FORCES

Groundless Reports in States Annoy American Officers in Britain

London, Jan. 8.—Much indignation has been caused among American army and navy officials and other Americans in London by reports circulated in the United States that American soldiers and sailors in Europe were drinking to excess. The indignation has been intensified by a charge made in his sermon at the City Temple Sunday by Rev. Dr. Joseph Fort Newton, of Iowa, the pastor of drunkenness among American soldiers in England. "When I see American boys staggering in the streets drunk, I hate London," was one of the utterances of Dr. Newton.

Vice-Admiral Sims, commander of the American naval forces, and Colonel S. H. L. Slocum, military attaché of the American Embassy in London, declared today that the charges of drunkenness were false and that they also were a reflection on the American forces, as well as an insult to Great Britain. Admiral Sims said there never was a time in American history when there was so little drunkenness among the American fighting forces. He had been here for eight months, he said, and had visited the American flotilla base and various cities in England and on the French front and never had seen a drunken American soldier or sailor, and no case of drunkenness in the navy had been called to his attention.

LEAGUE IS NECESSARY SAYS ALBERT THOMAS

Toronto, Jan. 8.—A dispatch to the Toronto Mail and Empire from London says: "Albert Thomas, the French Socialist leader, interviewed by a representative of The London Daily Chronicle, said that the French working classes were waging war for the defeat and abdication of German militarism; that there might be some weariness in France, but there were no pacifists. "Our party," he continued, "is particularly attached to the idea of a league of nations. I have thought about this problem and I feel certain that one can not solve, even at the moment of the peace convention, many of the problems now before us without consulting all the nations, which is tantamount to forming a sort of league."

"You think, then, as President Wilson does on this matter?" he was asked.

"We have the assurance that we in Europe really represent his view," he replied.

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CASUALTIES AMONG CANADIAN SOLDIERS

Ottawa, Jan. 8.—The following casualties have been announced:

Cavalry.
Killed in action—Trpr. E. T. Bonser, Clayton, B. C.

Engineers.
Gassed—Sapper N. Harrison, Vancouver; Sapper J. Elliott, Lillooet.

Infantry.
Killed—Lance-Corpl. P. A. Murphy, North Head, N. B.; Pte. W. N. Cummings, Stellarton, N. S.; Pte. A. Burns, Toronto, Ont.; Pte. G. S. Watson, Scotland; Pte. P. Oppiger, Youngstown, Alta.; Lieut. C. McL. Mowbray, England; Pte. H. Kerr, Ireland; Pte. W. E. Macken, Windsor, Ont.; Pte. V. A. Reade, Jordan, Ont.; Pte. W. R. Chisholm, Haver, Lancs, Sask.; Pte. E. J. Wright, Springfield, Ont.; Pte. J. Kerr, Scotland; Pte. R. Lawson, Blyth, Ont.; Pte. R. H. Bone, Belleville, Ont.; Pte. F. Gannoy, England.

Died—Pte. G. Taggart, Fenelon Falls, Ont.; Sergt. Harry Valley, St. Catharines, Ont.; Pte. P. W. Ward, Green Bank, Ont.; Pte. J. Kuhn, Cornwall, Ont.; Pte. F. Lucasevage, Pembroke, Ont.; Pte. W. Johnston, Winnipeg, Man.; Pte. C. Knight, McConnell, Alta.; Pte. J. H. Murray, Champlain, Alta.; Pte. W. E. Black, Wroxeter, Ont.; Pte. D. E. Duncan, Edmonton, Alta.; Pte. H. W. Axbo, Toronto, Ont.; Gassed—Pte. C. A. Collins, India; Pte. A. D. Ivey, Kelwood, Man.

Missing—Pte. J. Brunyee, Edmonton, Alta.; Pte. A. Corfield, Niagara Falls, Ont.; Pte. J. H. Cox, Edmonton, Alta.; Pte. R. Gray, Scotland; Pte. R. Hanna, Erskine P. O. Alta.; Pte. R. T. Liggins, Edmonton, Alta.; Corpl. A. T. Mahoney, Calgary, Alta.; Pte. C. A. Stuart, Edmonton, Alta.; Pte. S. B. Vickers, Irma, Alta.

Wounded and missing—Pte. A. R. Crowe, Sydney, N. S.; Pte. G. Dods-worth, Pilot Mound, Man.; Acting-Sergt. H. Bailey, England; Pte. J. Keay, Scotland; Pte. O. Ridley, Winnipeg, Man.; Pte. C. W. Todd, Fort Saskatchewan, Alta.; Corpl. H. Nichols, Lenore, Man.

Wounded—Acting Lance-Sergt. R. T. Bosworth, England; Pte. W. J. Murphy, Toronto, Ont.; Sergt. F. Ogden, Birchbirch, Sask.; Pte. F. Dow, Ottawa, Ont.; Pte. T. H. Taylor, Toronto, Ont.; Pte. L. Lee, England; Pte. J. Kewley, Liverpool, Eng.; Corpl. W. Crawford, Ireland; Pte. E. W. Wilbee, Toronto, Ont.; Corpl. C. S. Williams, Toronto, Ont.

Ill—Pte. Alfred Leduc, Cornwall, Ont.; Acting-Sergt. G. B. Cowper, Winnipeg, Man.; Pte. C. P. McEntee, Toronto, Ont.; Pte. H. W. Brown, Manitoulin Island, Ont.

MEMBERS FETED AT DUNCAN YESTERDAY

J. C. McIntosh and Dr. Tolmie Speak at Board of Trade Luncheon

Duncan, Jan. 8.—J. C. McIntosh, member-elect for the Federal riding of Nanaimo, and Dr. S. F. Tolmie, member-elect for Victoria, were guests of honor at the first of a series of month-long luncheons of the Duncan Board of Trade held at the Tzouhalem Hotel here yesterday. Between thirty and forty guests were present, and the proceedings went merrily under the chairmanship of J. L. Mutter, president of the Board.

In a well-chosen address Mr. McIntosh conveyed his thanks to the people of the district for the manner they had worked on his behalf at the recent election and for the honor they had conferred upon him by assisting him to roll up such a splendid majority. Party, he said, had been relegated to the background, and for that reason he desired his hearers to realize that his sole intention was to be a real representative of the people as an advocate of their needs generally. He dealt with the necessary attention demanded for many matters within the confines of the province and the Island in particular, and declared that he would bend his every aid to see that necessary development was handled in a practical manner.

It was fortunate for the Nanaimo riding in that it had two representatives at Ottawa instead of one, was the way Dr. Tolmie described the team work that could be expected from Mr. McIntosh and himself. Co-operation in all things was the secret of success, he said, and by a united British Columbia and a united Vancouver Island greater results would be accomplished. He was by no means in favor of the increase in rates, because it would mean twenty million dollars for the pockets of the Canadian Pacific Railway.

Hugh Savage, editor of The Cowichan Leader, A. H. Peterson and David Ford also spoke on the issues local and national.

RAID REPULSED BY BRITISH ARTILLERY DUEL IN YPRES AREA

London, Jan. 8.—The following report from Field-Marshal Haig was issued here last night:

"A raid attempted early this morning southeast of Ypres was repulsed with loss by our rifle and machine gun fire. The hostile artillery was active this afternoon in the vicinity of Passchendaele.

"Aviation—Twelve thousand rounds were fired Sunday from machine guns at hostile troops, transports and other targets, and nearly three tons of bombs were dropped on different objectives.

"Six hostile machines were downed in air fighting and two others driven down out of control. One of our machines is missing."

London, Jan. 8.—The War Office has issued a summary of the British captures and losses in the war during 1917. The total captures on all fronts numbered 114,544 prisoners and 781 guns. The losses numbered 23,722 prisoners and 169 guns. The items include:

Western theatre—73,131 prisoners and 531 guns captured; 27,390 prisoners and 166 guns lost.

Palestine—17,646 prisoners and 108 guns captured.

Mesopotamia—15,944 prisoners and 124 guns captured.

No guns were lost in any theatre except the Western.

Berlin, Jan. 8.—An official statement issued here last night said:

"The increased artillery firing activity in the salient position northeast of Ypres continues."

TEN WERE LOST WHEN BRITISH DESTROYER SUNK BY SUBMARINE

London, Jan. 8.—A British torpedo boat destroyer has been torpedoed and sunk in the Mediterranean, according to an Admiralty announcement issued last night. All the officers on the destroyer were saved, but ten members of the crew were lost.

BILLY SUNDAY SUED.

Indianapolis, Ind., Jan. 8.—"Billy" Sunday, the evangelist, is being sued for \$100,000 in the United States District Court here by Sydney C. Tapp, of Kansas City, Mo., an author of books on the Bible. Tapp charges Sunday with plagiarism and infringement of copyright.



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READING CONTROLS BRITISH MISSIONS SENT TO STATES

London, Jan. 8.—An official announcement issued here yesterday said:

"On the departure from Washington on leave of Sir Cecil Spring-Rice, the King has been graciously pleased to appoint Earl Reading, Lord Chief Justice of England, to be his High Commissioner in the United States in the character of an Ambassador Plenipotentiary on a special mission.

"Lord Reading, as High Commissioner and Special Ambassador, will have full authority over the members of all British Missions sent to the United States in connection with the active prosecution of the war, and the labors of such Missions will be completely under his direction and control.

"Lord Northcliffe will remain in London as chairman of the London headquarters of the British Mission to the United States."

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WILHELM CONFERS ORDER ON U BOAT COMMANDER

Amsterdam, Jan. 8.—Kaiser Wilhelm has conferred the Order Pour le Merite on Submarine Commander Kophamel on his return from a cruise to the Cape Verde Islands. During this cruise Kophamel claims he sank an American destroyer and fourteen merchantmen, most of them bound from the United States for Italy or France. He is said to have brought back twenty-two tons of copper as booty.

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FOOD RESOURCES OF CANADA AND STATES MAY BE POOLED SOON

Ottawa, Jan. 8.—No authoritative announcement is available yet as to any plan which may be considered to pool the food resources of the Dominion and the United States for the benefit of the Allies. The suggestion has been made in Washington dispatches that action along this line should be taken and the matter is one that will engage the attention of the War Committee of the Cabinet, of which Hon. N. W. Rowell is the president, at an early date. No concrete proposal has yet been formulated, either at Washington or Ottawa, but the increasing necessities of the Allies, as indicated in recent advice received by the Food Controller from Europe, make apparent the desirability for joint action by the two Governments having under their control the biggest supplies of food within a reasonable distance of Great Britain, France and Italy.

AN ESSEN PAPER ON LLOYD GEORGE'S SPEECH

Amsterdam, Jan. 8.—Discussing the statement of war aims made last Saturday by the British Prime Minister, The Rhenische Westfälische Zeitung, of Essen, says: "When Lloyd George and British labor demand Alsace for France and the German colonies, Arabia, Syria and Palestine for England, and speak of the war indemnity we will have to pay, the answer in view of the actual war situation is: It is too much."

The newspaper thinks, however, that the calmer tone in which Mr. Lloyd George spoke is worth noting, and adds: "Well, Lloyd George too will one day become reasonable. Until then the U boats and Hindenburg's sword will help."

HARDEN CONDEMNS ANNEXATION PLANS

Warns Teutons; Says Key to Peace Temple Lies at Washington

Amsterdam, Jan. 8.—Maximilian Harden, in Die Zukunft, scathingly condemns Austro-German plans for annexation in the east. He declares that a broad chasm yawns between the two parties at Brest-Litovsk and that if the demands of the Central Powers to annex or join the territories in question to the two last empires, then there will be only an armistice, and there will be no lasting and honorable peace with Russia, which country will not eternally wear Lenin's red livery or be satisfied with disintegration and communistic developments in the war of the communities.

Harden says that even were the Letts, Lithuanians, Livonians and Estonians, who for five centuries have been opposed to all Germanism, contrary to all expectations to vote for union with the German Empire, Germany would be obliged to refuse the union, for its body can not bear fresh foreign elements, and it does not desire by provoking the deep hostility of the Russian people, which before 1914 will comprise 200,000,000 souls, to brew a consoling draught for its western enemies.

The key to the temple of peace, Harden declares, lies in the capitol at Washington.

SIR F. E. SMITH IS HEARD AT CHICAGO

Chicago, Jan. 8.—"Had the Russian forces not been withdrawn from the Allied armies," said Sir Frederick Smith, Attorney-General of Great Britain, in an address here last night, "the war would have been brought to a successful conclusion this year. It has been stated by a distinguished man that even with Russia and her great army withdrawn from the Allied forces, her place is more than filled by the United States without any army."

After speaking of the casualties of more than 1,000,000 men suffered by Great Britain, he continued: "I am proud to say that after three and one-half years of heartless war, the heart of Britain beats as high as it did in August, 1914, and war worn as we are, even had we not been offered succor and material assistance from the United States, I firmly believe that the islands would have waged the war alone and retained the spirit of our forefathers—the indomitable spirit of your forebears—and been successful."

CAR OF MARGARINE REACHES VANCOUVER

Vancouver, Jan. 8.—A carload of oleomargarine arrived in Vancouver yesterday. So far it is not being taken up by any of the firms on wholesale row and probably will be disposed of direct to the retailers by the broker who imported it.



RESULTS OF CIVIC ELECTIONS YESTERDAY IN ONTARIO TOWNS

Toronto, Jan. 8.—The following Ontario cities and towns elected mayors as follows yesterday:

Belleville, Dr. Platt; Stratford, Dr. J. D. Monteith; Ridgeway, J. Shefferson; Ingersoll, C. F. Coleman; Oakville, H. Cross; Port Hope, S. B. Rydman; Sault Ste. Marie, F. E. Crawford; Galt, Dr. W. S. Dakin; Palmerston, R. A. Treleaven; Niagara-on-the-Lake, William McClelland; Brantford, M. M. McBride; Bridgeburg, W. M. Hogg; Napanee, J. E. Robinson; Almonte, W. H. Scott; Port Colborne, Dewitt Carter; Sarnia, J. S. Crawford; Goderich, E. R. Wilde; Preston, E. H. Reist (reacclamation); Southampton, Wm. McGregor; Cobourg, Mr. Greer (reacclamation); Kincardine, J. Macdonald; North Bay, T. J. Patton; Clinton, Dr. Thompson; Owen Sound, H. M. Purvis; Parkhill, J. F. Roberts; Bridge, Mr. McPhail; Campbellford, W. S. Russell; Midland, D. White (reacclamation); Thorold, C. J. Brockbank; Bracebridge, Alex. Walker; Walkerville, Dr. C. W. Hoare (reacclamation); Barrie, Dr. A. J. Sprott; Milton, K. P. Earle; Picton, H. S. Collier; Chesley, M. A. Halliday; Petrolia, E. Preston; Blenheim, J. J. Cookson; Wilsburg, M. G. Dean; Collingwood, W. B. Hutton; Forest, Robert Lee; Penetanguishene, C. E. Wright (reacclamation); Brampton, J. C. Galle.

Windsor, Ont., Jan. 8.—The ratepayers here voted yesterday by 1,452 to 317 to take over the street railway system and refused further franchise extensions to the company.

Ottawa, Jan. 8.—The net result of the civic election here yesterday is that Ottawa this year will have two controllers and six aldermen who were not in the city council of 1917. Four of the newly-elected aldermen are on the threshold of their municipal life, the others and the two new controllers already have had experience as aldermen.

The feature of the day was the election of ex-Alderman James Muir and ex-Alderman Green to the board of control and the defeat of two of the old-timers, E. H. Hinchley and J. V. Nelson.

The following are the results of the by-law votes: \$49,999 for a soldier's home, carried by 599 majority; civic fuel yard, carried by 7,899 majority; extension of term of councillors to two years instead of one, defeated by 899 votes.

Mayor Fisher was elected by acclamation, the controllers are Napoleon Champagne, Joseph Kent, James Muir and A. W. Greene.

Aldermen elected were: Victoria Ward, Ernest Barrock, David Rice; Dalhousie Ward, J. A. Forward, J. P. Dalhousie; Wellington Ward, J. D. Denny, C. R. Stephens; Central Ward, C. G. Pepper, W. M. Findlay; Capital Ward, Frank Plant, A. R. Ford, St. George's Ward, Walter Cunningham, W. J. Grace; By Ward, A. W. Desjardins, Edouard Gaudin; Ottawa Ward, J. A. Pinard, O. Racine.

BOLSHEVIKI OFFER WHEAT TO NORWAY; IS A GERMAN PLAN

London, Jan. 8.—The Bolshevik Government, The Times says it understands, is offering to Norway the wheat stored on the Murman coast and shipped from the United States for use in Petrograd. It says that as the offer is made at a time when Petrograd and Finland are both said to be on the verge of starvation and the Finns are appealing to Sweden, the United States and Great Britain to send wheat, it would seem to have been made at the instigation of Germany, which wishes to pose as a friend of Norway.

Germany herself is offering wheat to Holland and the Scandinavian countries. It is added, although the only supplies available for exportation are those in Belgium and other occupied territories and the food for prisoners.

MYNTOSH TO NANAIMO

Nanaimo, Jan. 8.—J. C. McIntosh, member-elect of the Commons, for the Nanaimo riding, will attend the regular monthly meeting of the Nanaimo Board of Trade on January 15.

This will be a splendid opportunity for the local men of this city to place their views on current topics before Mr. McIntosh, and doubtless there will be a full attendance of members on the occasion to hear what he will have to say as to the position he proposes to take with regard to any matter which may be brought forward.

CARVELL DECLARES FOR FULL ECONOMY

Minimum Will Be Spent on Public Works in Canada

Winnipeg, Jan. 8.—The Ottawa correspondent of The Winnipeg Free Press says:

"The biggest spending Department of the Government is to be reduced to a condition of strict economy. Hon. F. B. Carvell, Minister of Public Works, announces while he is Minister there shall be no expenditure in that Department which is not absolutely necessary."

"Nearly all big public works have been closed down altogether, or confined to absolutely necessary operations to prevent deterioration," he declared in an interview. "At Vancouver and Victoria there has been an almost complete cessation. In Toronto work is being practically closed down on the harbor works. At St. John only absolutely necessary public works are being carried on. We need the money, all we can lay our hands on, for the war. Other considerations can wait a while."

"Moreover, I intend to get rid of all the dead weight in the Department. There are about 100 employees whose services, for the present at least, can very well be dispensed with, and will be dispensed with. There is not much use of anyone coming to my Department in search of a job these days."

"The Minister will be in Ottawa for the next two days. Thereafter he will go to Boston and New York and on his return to Woodstock will finish some business on which he was engaged before he entered the Cabinet. He will not settle permanently in Ottawa until February."

MEMBERS OF ORDER OF BRITISH EMPIRE

London, Jan. 8.—A long list of awards of different classes in the newly created Order of the British Empire conferred for services in connection with the war, is published in The London Gazette.

Col. Sir Arthur Hamilton Lee, member of the House of Commons for South Hants, is made Knight Grand Cross, and Roderick Jones, managing director of Reuters, Limited, Alex. Caird, Administrator of the New York headquarters of the British Mission to the United States; W. A. M. Good, Secretary of the National Committee for the Relief of Belgium, and Lt.-Col. Campbell Stuart, of Canada, vice-chairman of the London headquarters of the British Mission to the United States, are named Knights Commander. Geoffrey Butler, attached to the Foreign Office, who at present is in New York, is made a Commander of the Order.

QUEBEC PAPER ON THE ARMY MEASURE

Quebec, Jan. 8.—L'Action Catholique, Quebec's semi-clerical daily, gives advice to the young men who are called under the Military Service Act. In a leading editorial it says in part: "It is to the draftees of yesterday, of to-day and of to-morrow that we speak."

"Our attitude in connection with the Military Service Act, which is now being enforced, is well-known and we are still of the opinion that a grave error was committed in imposing it. But while waiting until events will have brought our governing powers to a more sound comprehension of the duties and necessities of the hour, we must submit to it."

"Be cheerful."

AEROPLANE SPRUCE

Major Taylor Satisfies Vancouver Board of Trade That All is Well.

Vancouver, Jan. 8.—After a conference, Major Taylor, of the airplane branch of the Imperial Munitions Board here, which lasted several hours yesterday, B. W. Greer, president of the Board of Trade, and Eric Hamber, Chairman of the Forestry Products Bureau, declared themselves as completely satisfied that all the steps possible had been taken to bring about the production of spruce timber at the earliest possible moment in British Columbia.

A cable will go forward to Sir George Perley, Canadian High Commissioner in London, stating that there is no foundation whatever for the complaints made that insufficient activity was being displayed, thus in effect, withdrawing the demand for an investigation which had previously been wired.

FRANCE AND UKRAINE

Paris, Jan. 8.—The French Government intends soon to recognize the independence of the Ukraine, it was announced yesterday by Le Matin.

France already has given recognition to the Government of Finland.

The decision now to recognize the independence of the Ukraine indicates that the French Government definitely has adopted the policy of supporting every stable Government in Russia whose co-operation will ensure the future peace of the Russian federation and remedy the present condition of affairs.

TARNOW PEACE DELEGATE

Amsterdam, Jan. 8.—Count Adam Tarnowski von Tarnow, according to a dispatch to the Berliner Tageblatt, has been appointed an Austrian delegate to the peace conference at Brest-Litovsk.

Count von Tarnow was named Ambassador to the United States last Spring, but was never officially received by the American Government.

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WORDS OF POPE TO ROMAN ARISTOCRACY

Rome, Jan. 8.—In thanking the Roman aristocracy on Saturday for their Christmas and New Year's greetings, Pope Benedict expressed his appreciation that the nobility had endorsed "our words in which we recently invited the peoples of the earth to return to God with the view of hastening the end of the frightful misfortune which has afflicted the world for more than three years."

"We must return to Christ," the Pope added, "in order once more to enjoy the benefits of civilization."

The pontiff said the road whereby to return to Christ was that of justice and love. He expressed satisfaction that the nobility has joined with the Holy See in condemning the recent Teuton air raids, which were against the rights of man. The Pope raised his voice against the form of warfare which is used against undefended cities without bringing military results and which causes victims among non-combatants, besides damaging the churches and art treasures, and thus increasing national hatred.

VON TIRPITZ AND BREST-LITOVSK CRISIS

Amsterdam, Jan. 8.—Admiral von Tirpitz, former German Minister of Marine, voicing the demands of the Fatherland party and the Pan-Germans regarding the negotiations with the Bolsheviks, has telegraphed to Chancellor von Hertling formally commending the firm stand taken by the Chancellor toward the Bolshevik demands. In the position taken by Russia, says the admiral, is seen "the fruit of ten days' work of the Entente."

He claims that a transfer of the negotiations to Stockholm would constitute a decisive step on the path to a general peace which would have no regard for Germany's vital needs.



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TWO MORE CANADIAN ARMEN ARE MISSING

Ottawa, Jan. 8.—The Naval Department announces that Flight Sub-Lieut. Albert J. Dixon, R. N. A. S., of Ottawa, and Flight Sub-Lieut. Andrew G. Beatty, R. N. A. S., address not given, are reported missing.

CARVELL AT NEW YORK

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THE TWO CAMPS.

Mr. Lloyd George's speech is declared to have united the nation solidly behind him, all the divergent elements meeting on the common ground it created. The congratulations of President Wilson, Premier Clemenceau and other leading statesmen of the Allies show that the magic touch of the wonder-working little Welshman has doubly strengthened the unity of the forces of democracy. Thus, the first month of 1918 finds all the Allies, saving Russia, more united and resolute than they have been at any other time since the war began; determined to fight for aims which on being realized will insure the world against any more mad schemes of conquest by the sword.

Germany, on the other hand, is in the throes of a serious domestic crisis. The proceedings at Brest-Litovsk have widened the gap between the Pan-Germans or Prussian militarists on one side, the Moderates like von Kuehlmann, and the various Socialist groups. Neutral observers familiar with the situation describe the breach as being almost too wide to bridge. The Prussian militarists want annexations and indemnities; their opponents adhere to the formula of peace without indemnities and annexations. Both are opposed to the von Kuehlmann school—one on the ground that it goes too far and the other on the ground that it does not go far enough.

The situation in Germany clarifies much of the mystery which surrounded the negotiations at Brest-Litovsk. It explains why the Teutonic peace proposals were offered by the Austrian Premier instead of by the German Foreign Minister. The subtle von Kuehlmann was trying to find for the divergent elements in Germany as well as for Germany's allies a common ground such as Lloyd George found for his country and its allies. He adopted a formula which was intended to mean one thing to the German Socialists and another to the Pan-Germans, cautiously refraining from acting as the mouthpiece. But when the test came, when the Bolsheviks demanded that Germany evacuate Poland, Courland and Lithuania the experiment collapsed. Germany was forced into the open. Von Kuehlmann returned to Berlin to find a way out and the immediate necessity of substituting definite action for trickery and deception at once revived the conflict between the militarists and anti-militarists.

Apparently von Ludendorff who, with von Hindenburg, von Tirpitz and the German Crown Prince, dominates the militarist element, threatened to resign and evidently this group is determined to have von Kuehlmann's scalp and, possibly, the scalp of the Chancellor, too. The Pan-Germans suspect the Foreign Secretary of moderate tendencies and in this they probably are correct, for von Kuehlmann is a sagacious statesman whose long experience in London and other capitals has taught him something of the power of the forces against Germany and convinced him that she cannot escape disaster from within and without if she prolongs the war. On the other hand, the militarists, ignorant of everything but the present war map, still cherish the delusion that Germany can conquer her foes.

Vorwaerts continues to warn the German authorities that their country is on the brink of a catastrophe. Much depends, therefore, upon the extreme to which the militarists, realizing that in any case a peace with no indemnities and no annexations and the disclosure of the deception they have practised upon the German people, would be their ruin, are prepared to go to retain power. With them it is all or nothing. If the Kaiser should favor the moderates, would they force him to abdicate in favor of the half-baked Crown Prince? In that case force would be met with force. The Moderates and Socialist groups would unite against the militarists just as the Moderates and Socialists in England united against the Russian bureaucracy. Vorwaerts says the situation is extraordinarily grave. Lloyd George's speech, forcing upon Germany the necessity of making an equally definite statement of her war aims, in place of the nebulous generalities of former peace deliverances, has not made that situation any easier for it is on this question of war aims that Germany is divided. The ruling classes in Germany are discovering the truth

of the Lincoln saying: "You cannot fool all the people all the time."

WHY NOT TURN THE OTHER WAY?

The accident at the intersection of Fort and Government Streets in which Mr. McKilligan lost his life has drawn attention to the danger to which the public is exposed through the present routing of cars on that awkward curve. Owing to the proximity of the tracks to the curb and the sharpness of the turn there is a formidable swing of the end sections of the cars, particularly the larger cars, towards the south and west, which on not a few occasions has narrowly missed unsuspecting pedestrians standing on the crossing or near the curb. This danger would be minimized if the cars were routed the other way around the loop; that is to say, if they turned into Fort Street from Government Street, for in that case there would be more room for the ends to swing without encroaching upon the sidewalk or making a considerable section of the crossing near the sidewalk uncomfortable, if not actually dangerous.

A REMARKABLE MAN.

Unusual interest and importance are attached to the appointment of Earl Reading, Lord Chief Justice of Great Britain, to the post of High Commissioner to the United States. The office is a new one, for while Lord Northcliffe was chief of the British War Mission in the republic, Sir Cecil Spring-Rice continued as Ambassador and the two functions were kept separate. Earl Reading, however, will coordinate both offices under his direction, although it is expected that personally he will attend chiefly to financial and business matters relating to the joint war effort, leaving diplomatic matters largely in the hands of the Embassy officials. Thus, he displaces both Lord Northcliffe and Sir Cecil Spring-Rice. Whatever may be said for the former Ambassador, who appears to have been generally popular in the United States, the loss of Northcliffe will not be regretted. The London newspaper magnate's appointment seems to have been an indiscretion, judging by the criticism of some of his utterances by the American press.

Lord Reading has had a remarkable career. As Rufus Isaacs, the son of a London merchant, he was schooled at London University College, in Brussels and in Hanover and his father intended him to go to Cambridge. The son intended otherwise and ran away to sea, embarking as a sailor on a sailing ship bound for South America. But the life was not to his liking and at Rio de Janeiro he made another swift departure. There, however, he received his first instruction in law. He was pursued, overtaken and forced to realize that he had to complete the terms of his contract by staying with the ship until she returned to London by way of Calcutta.

On his return, his father offered him the management of a branch firm at Magdeburg, Germany. But this also was a failure; he found dispatching shipments worse than cleaning ships, so, two years later, Isaacs was back again in London and fully embarked on a career on the stock exchange. Still he could not make headway. He gained great applause as an amateur boxer, but lost much money as a stock broker, so he ultimately left the house, and, having determined to become a lawyer, retired to the Temple, and, in due time, as one writer has put it, "stepped breezily out of the chambers of Mr. Lawson Walton into a practice that led to £20,000 a year, a dwelling in the paradise of Park Lane and any office that he may choose to aim at."

Rufus Isaacs had at last found himself, and once he had found himself everything he had ever done began to be of use to him. The knowledge of men gleaned in the focus of the Blair Athol, in the streets of Rio de Janeiro, on the banks of the Elbe in Magdeburg and in the brokerage house in London, often proved of inestimable value to him. He soon became recognized as one of the greatest company lawyers London had ever seen. His astonishing mastery of intricate figures and details, together with his remarkable penetration, caused him to be ever in demand where some specially tightly knotted, involving large merchandise or financial houses, had to be untied.

Then came Parliament. In 1904 he sought the suffrages of the famous biscuit city of Reading, on the banks of the Thames, and was, in due course returned. After that his rise was rapid. The year 1909 found him Solicitor-General, the next year Attorney-General, the next a Privy Councillor, the next a member of the Cabinet, the next Attorney-General ever to be admitted, and the next Lord Chief Justice of England. That was in 1913, and in 1914 he was raised to the peerage as Baron Reading. Since the outbreak of the war his great financial ability has been placed at the disposal of the Allies, both in the United Kingdom and in the United States, and his great services were further recognized the other day when an earldom of the United Kingdom was conferred upon him.

ENFORCE THE LAW.

Discussing a report that the general class under the Military Service Act might be called upon in consequence of inadequate returns from the first class, The Manitoba Free Press says: "It is not necessary to quote figures—they are well-known everywhere—to prove that the English-speaking provinces have already sent thousands of men more than their share, according to population, of the five hundred thousand to which Canada was originally pledged. With Canada determined to fight as a nation it cannot well be said that the English-speaking provinces should not be called upon for further contributions to the draft. But it may well be insisted that Canada as a whole shall be required to yield up all the men available in 'class one' before any section thereof is required to produce those of class two."

The Free Press's comment is very much to the point. It would be a gross injustice if the married men of the provinces which had recruited most freely were called upon before the Act was applied to the first class of Quebec. The Canadian people have given a mandate to the Government to enforce the Military Service Act impartially as between all provinces, and it will have to be done. Yesterday the commander of the Montreal Military District reported that the response to the call on Saturday was very unsatisfactory and that 500 men in that district had defaulted. The law must be carried out in regard to those men as rigorously as in every other part of Canada. Moreover, there must be no suppression of facts. The Union Government was elected to carry out certain policies and the enforcement of the Military Service Act throughout the whole of Canada was in the forefront of them. The Western members who hold the balance of power should make sure that this is done.

The thermometer-touched thirty below zero at Ottawa last week. And yet, sometimes the constituents of a member of the House of Commons have the nerve to say that he ought to consider himself under obligation to them for sending him there!

The fact is that neither the German agents at Brest-Litovsk nor the Bolsheviks had power to negotiate a separate peace between Germany and Russia which would have amounted to more than a sham and both knew it. Germany is divided on the subject of annexation and indemnities, while the Bolsheviks knew that a peace signed by them would be worthless for outside of Petrograd they have no standing or authority, except at isolated points. Russia will deal with them presently.

The Spanish censorship is very rigorous but enough has come through lately to indicate that Alfonso's crown sits very uneasily upon his head. The other day he signed a decree dissolving the Cortes but to-day it is announced that the Government has decided that the decree will be considered as not having been signed and another one will be put before him. Expedients like this are very suggestive; also dangerous. Alfonso should not monkey with his parliament in that way. Parliament can be very much of a buzz-saw on occasion. That is what the Czar found out when he tried to dissolve the Duma. He dissolved himself, instead.

Germany certainly is being smoked out into the open. First the proceedings at Brest-Litovsk exposed the duplicity and insincerity of her peace protestations and the necessity, of saying "Yes" or "No." Next, Lloyd George's speech makes that necessity doubly pressing and now President Wilson also puts it up to her. When we reflect that every time the peace question is brought to the basis of concrete facts in Germany there is a grave political crisis we can realize the pressure the Allies are exerting upon her in this way. The Allies have her against the wall in more ways than one. Her peace drive is reacting upon her with a vengeance.

Prominent exiled Turks in Switzerland declare that Turkey has reached the end of her tether, that she is wobbling off her last legs. Considering the number of similar assurances that have been given, the particular bird in question must have as many legs as a centipede. Nevertheless, the loss of Jerusalem, most prized of all the cities under Ottoman control—the place of the Mosque of Omar—must have greatly inflamed the general hostility to Enver Bey and the Young Turks, already roused to danger pitch by the fall of Bagdad, Erzerum and Trebizond and the seizure of Mecca by the Sultan of Hejaz. An early revolution in Turkey is a pretty safe bet.

FRANKFORT PAPER ON LLOYD GEORGE'S SPEECH

Amsterdam, Jan. 8.—The Frankfurter Zeitung says: "Only a defeated Germany could think of negotiating on the terms laid down by Lloyd George. It is a new war speech and a way to terminate the war will only be open when the movement which has begun in England and the other Entente countries is strong enough to replace Lloyd George, Clemenceau and Baron Sonnino by men who recognize the impossible nature of such speeches and draw consequences from such recognition. How far we are from that time it is hard to say."

MR. WILSON'S STATEMENT OF AIMS IN DETAIL COINCIDES WITH THE ONE MADE BY MR. LLOYD GEORGE

(Continued from page 1.)

The Address.
The President spoke as follows: "Gentlemen of the Congress: "Once more, as repeatedly before, the spokesmen of the Central Empires have indicated their desire to discuss the objects of the war and the possible basis of general peace. Parleys have been in progress at Brest-Litovsk between Russian representatives and representatives of the Central Powers to which the attention of all the belligerents has been invited for the purpose of ascertaining whether it may be possible to extend these parleys into a general conference with regard to terms of peace and settlement. The Russian representatives presented not only a perfectly definite statement of the principles upon which they would be willing to conclude peace, but also an equally definite programme of the concrete application of these principles. The representatives of the Central Powers, on their part, presented an outline of settlement, which, if much less definite, seemed susceptible of liberal interpretation until their specific programme of practical terms was added. That programme proposed no concessions at all either to the sovereignty of Russia or to the preferences of the population with whose fortunes it dealt, but meant, in a word, that the Central Empires were to keep every foot of territory their armed forces had occupied—every province, every city, every point of vantage as a permanent addition to their territories and their power. It is a reasonable conjecture that the general principles of settlement which they at first suggested originated with the more liberal statesmen of Germany and Austria, the men who have begun to feel the force of their own people's thought and purpose, while the concrete terms of actual settlement came from the military leaders, who have no thought but to keep what they have got. The negotiations have been broken off. The Russian representatives were sincere and in earnest. They can not entertain such proposals of conquest and domination.

Full of Significance.
The whole incident is full of significance. It also is full of perplexity. With whom are the Russian representatives dealing? For whom are the representatives of the Central Empires speaking? Are they speaking for the majorities of their respective Parliaments or for the minority parties—that military and imperialistic minority which so far has dominated their whole policy and controlled the affairs of Turkey and of the Balkan States which have felt obliged to become their associates in this war? The Russian representatives have insisted, very justly, very wisely and in the true spirit of democracy, that the conferences they have been holding with the Teutonic and Turkish statesmen should be held within open, not closed doors, and all the world as an audience was desired. To whom have we been listening then? To those who speak the spirit and intention of the resolution of the German Reichstag of the 9th of July last, the spirit and intention of the liberal leaders and parties of Germany or to those who resist and defy that spirit and intention, and insist upon conquest and subjugation? Or are we listening in fact to both, unreconciled and in open and hopeless contradiction? These are very serious and pregnant questions. Upon the answer to them depends the peace of the world.

Challenge Taken Up.
But whatever the results of the parleys at Brest-Litovsk, whatever the confusion of counsel and of purpose in the utterances of the spokesmen of the Central Empires, they have again attempted to acquiesce in the world with their objects in the war and have challenged their adversaries to say what their objects are and what sort of settlement they would deem just and satisfactory. There is no good reason why that challenge should not be responded to, and responded to with the utmost candor. We did not wait for it. Not once, but again and again we have laid our whole thought and purpose before the world, not in general terms only, but each time with sufficient definition to make it clear what sort of definite terms of settlement must necessarily spring out of them. Within the last week Mr. Lloyd George has spoken with admirable candor and in admirable spirit for the people and the Government of Great Britain. There is no confusion of counsel among the adversaries of the Central Powers, no uncertainty of principle, no vagueness of detail. The only secrecy of counsel is the only lack of candor and frankness, the only failure to make a definite statement of the objects of the war, lies with Germany and her allies.

Life and Death.
The issues of life and death hang upon these definitions. No statesman who has the least conception of his responsibility ought for a moment to permit himself to continue this tragical and appalling outpouring of blood and treasure unless he is sure beyond a peradventure that the objects of the vital sacrifice are part and parcel of the very life of society and that the people for whom he speaks think them right and imperative as he does.

Russia.
There is, moreover, a voice calling for these definitions of principle of purpose which is, it seems to me, more thrilling and more compelling than any of the many moving voices with which the troubled air of the world is filled. It is the voice of the Russian people. They are prostrate and all but helpless. It would seem, before the grim power of Germany, which hitherto has known no relenting and no pity. Their power apparently is shattered and yet their soul is not subservient. They will not yield either in principle or in action. The conception of what is right, of what is humane and honorable for them to accept has been stated with a frankness, a largeness of view, a generosity of spirit and a universal

human sympathy which must challenge the admiration of every friend of mankind; and they have refused to compound their Measles or desert others that they themselves may be safe. They call to us to say what it is that we desire; in what, if in anything, our purpose and our spirit differ from theirs, and I believe that the people of the United States would wish me to respond with utter sympathy and frankness. Whether their present leaders believe it or not, it is our heartfelt desire and hope that some way may be opened whereby we may be privileged to assist the people of Russia to attain their utmost hope of liberty and ordered peace.

No Secrecy.
"It will be our wish and purpose that the processes of peace, when they are begun, shall be absolutely open and that they shall involve and permit henceforth no secret understandings of any kind. The day of conquest and aggrandizement is gone by; so also is the day of secret conventions entered into in the interest of particular Governments and likely at some unlooked-for moment to upset the peace of the world. It is this happy fact, now clear to the view of every public man whose thoughts do not still linger in an age that is dead and gone, which makes it possible for every nation whose purposes are consistent with justice and the peace of the world to avow now or at any other time the objects it has in view.

For Justice.
"We entered this war because violations of right had occurred which touched us to the quick and made the life of our own people impossible unless they were corrected and the world secured for once and for all against their recurrence. What we demand in this war, therefore, is nothing peculiar to ourselves. It is that the world be made fit and safe to live in, and particularly that it be made safe for every peace-loving nation like our own which wishes to live its own life, determine its own institutions and be assured of justice and fair dealings by the other peoples of the world as against force and selfish aggression. All the peoples of the world are in effect partners in this interest, and for our own part we see very clearly that unless justice be done to others, it will not be done to us. The programme of the world's peace then is our programme.

Here the President went on to enumerate the fourteen essentials of his programme quoted above. Continuing, he said:

"In regard to these essential rectifications of wrong and assertions of right, we feel ourselves to be intimate partners of all the Governments and peoples associated together against the imperialists. We cannot be separated in interest or divided in purpose. We stand together until the end.

Fight For Justice.
"For such arrangements and covenants as we are willing to fight and to continue to fight until they are achieved; but only because we wish the right to prevail and desire a just and stable peace such as can be secured only by removing the chief provocations to war, which this programme does remove. We have no jealousy of German greatness, and there is nothing in this programme that impairs it. We grudge her no achievement or distinction of learning or of pacific enterprise such as have made her record very bright and very enviable. We do not wish to injure her or to block in any way her legitimate influence or power. We do not wish to fight her either with arms or with hostile arrangements of trade if she is willing to associate herself with us and the other peace-loving nations of the world in covenants of justice and fair dealing. We wish her only to accept a place of equality among the peoples of the world—the new world in which we now live—instead of a place of mastery.

Neither do we presume to suggest to her any alteration or modification of her institutions. But it is necessary, we must frankly say, and necessary as a preliminary to any intelligent dealings with her on our part, that we should know whom her spokesmen speak for when they speak to us—whether for the Reichstag majority or for the military party and the men whose creed is imperial domination.

Concrete Terms.
"We have spoken now, surely, in terms too concrete to admit of any further doubt or question. An evident principle runs through the whole programme I have outlined. It is the principle of justice to all peoples and nationalities and their right to live on equal terms of liberty and safety with one another, whether they be strong or weak. Unless this principle be made its foundation, no part of the structure of international justice can stand. The people of the United States could fight upon no other principle and to the vindication of this principle they are ready to devote their lives, their honor and everything that they possess. The moral climax of this, the culminating and final war for human liberty, has come, and they are ready to put their strength, their own highest purpose, their own integrity and devotion to the test."

VANCOUVER BOARD OF TRADE HAS EYE ON MEMBERS OF COMMONS

Vancouver, Jan. 8.—In order that the newly-elected members of the House of Commons may be put in touch with the work of the Vancouver Board of Trade and become conversant with the various matters of public importance for which the Board has been and is continuing to work unceasingly, the Council of the Board will hold a luncheon for the members from this district at the Hotel Vancouver next Monday. The parliamentary representatives who have consented to attend the meeting are: H. H. Stevens, Vancouver Centre; S. J. Crowe, Burrard; Major R. C. Cooper, Vancouver South; Rev. Stacey, Westminster District; W. G. McQuarrie, New Westminster City, and H. S. Clements, Coquitlam-Alberni.

TWO DUNCAN MEN ON B. C. FOOD COMMITTEE

W. Patterson and A. Peterson Chosen at Board of Trade Meeting

Duncan, B. C., Jan. 8.—Many problems affecting the welfare of the residents of Duncan and Cowichan districts were discussed at the meeting of the Duncan Board of Trade, held yesterday afternoon.

A letter was recently sent to the Provincial Minister of Education urging the consolidation of schools in the district, and a reply read at the meeting. Hon. Dr. McLean stated that while he was fully in favor of such consolidation, there was at present no law covering it, but that he would endeavor to introduce legislation to that effect during the coming session.

Correspondence was read from the Shawanigan Board of Trade referring to the obstruction in the creek between Shawanigan Lake and the sea. In addition to the hindrance to fishing, the obstruction has caused a temporary stoppage at the mill—a serious matter owing to the fact that it is engaged in the manufacture of munitions. It was stated that no satisfaction had been obtained from previous letters to the Fisheries Department, and the members after some discussion agreed to approach Premier Brewster in an endeavor to get the trouble removed.

Complaints were made by residents of the use by Indians of gill nets for fishing, at a spot in the river, which is said to be outside the districts covered by Dominion and Provincial Fisheries inspectors. The inspectors have promised to inquire into the circumstances, and to endeavor to have that portion of the river included in one or other of their respective territories. The Board of Trade will also consider the advisability of asking that the district be placed under a separate fisheries branch.

In response to a request from the Food Controller that the district appoint two members to the Provincial Food Committee, the choice fell upon W. Patterson, of Koksilah, and A. Peterson, of Cowichan Merchants' Ltd. Other business included the passing of a strong resolution calling upon the Government to take steps to relieve the labor shortage, a vital problem in the question of food production.

OUR LETTER BOX

AN EXCELLENT SUGGESTION.

To the Editor.—In view of the late loss of life on the street may I suggest that the danger zone covered by the rear of street cars in turning be painted red on the street. This would protect motorists and other vehicles as well as pedestrians, as the cars require more space to turn than is commonly supposed. This would only be required at the four crowded corners on Government and Douglas Streets. "SAFETY."

THE EFFECT OF PROHIBITION.

To the Editor.—In your issue of January 3, there appeared an article dealing with Prohibition and the increased Christmas business in Victoria. Two statements were made; one that the business was larger than last year, and the other that more money was put in circulation on account of this increased expenditure. I do not doubt the first statement. If certain merchants are put out of business more money will go to their rivals. If a law were passed closing all the butcher shops, probably the grocers would prosper wonderfully. If the jewellers were prohibited, the milliners would have a good time. If you veto ice-cream, cold drinks will be very popular, but this does not prove that more money is being spent, but simply that it is being spent in a different way. I daresay, money, that was previously spent on Port wine has this year been spent on almonds and raisins. Personally, I prefer the Port wine, although I know that it is wicked to say this in these virtuous times. Secondly, I very much doubt whether more money is put in circulation under the new regime than under the old—nearly all the goods sold in Victoria are imported from different parts of the world in the same way as wines, etc., are. It is simply the profit, that stays here in the hands of the merchants and thus circulates. This applies to all business, except where purely local products are used. Prohibition is undoubtedly beneficial to some people, as it is irritating to others; but I think it is best to deal with facts accurately and fairly.

K. R. STRATFIELD.

Saanich.
Ed.—The facts were stated accurately and fairly. Prohibition has substantially helped general trade in this and other communities where it has been applied. Our correspondent should consult some of our leading merchants.

THAT UNIONIST MEETING.

To the Editor.—In looking over the names of those selected to constitute the provisional executive committee of the Union Association, organized on Saturday evening, I notice several rather peculiar features about the selection.

Of the twenty who comprise the committee eighteen are men and two only are women. This is an uncharacteristic and an unfair division and does not give the female of the race a square deal.

Of the two women elected both are former Conservatives. The Liberal women of the city, many of whom did



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splendid work for the Unionist cause in the late contest, several of whom were active workers on Liberal committees and whose espousal of the Unionist cause did much to bring about the landslide in the election, were all ignored in this selection. This was a mighty bad tactics.

Of the twenty selected fourteen are former Conservatives and six only former Liberals. This is an unwise distribution. If this is to be a Unionist association in anything more than in name there should have been an equal distribution between men and women, former Conservatives and former Liberals, on the management committee.

Among the twenty selected there are several who are not voters in this riding. Why leave out several of our own best workers, especially among the Liberal women, and bring in outsiders to help manage a Victoria city Unionist association?

I presume these anomalies were the result of the slipshod, happy-go-lucky method adopted by the meeting in selecting the officers. Had a committee been appointed, as was advised by several speakers, a wiser, more evenly distributed and more politic selection could have been made. These objectionable features should be removed when the permanent committee is selected.

Again, it might be advisable to have these meetings conducted a little more in accord with the rules of parliamentary procedure in future. Under these rules, after a motion has been moved and seconded and stated by the chair, it cannot be amended, modified or withdrawn by the mover "with the consent of the seconder." It is then in possession of the house and can be changed by the mover only with the unanimous consent of the house. Neither can a properly moved and seconded amendment be got rid of by declaring that it has been withdrawn while the mover and seconder of it were declaring emphatically that it had not been withdrawn. Had these rules been observed at that meeting it would have saved some little confusion, a little friction and just a wee bit of annoyance.

One feature of the meeting gave satisfaction to everybody, the election of Mr. Kingham to the office of president. With his tact and good judgment he will no doubt steer the ship in future so as to avoid the rocks against which it bumped slightly on its trial run.

UNIONIST.

CANALS OF VENICE ARE FROZEN OVER

Venice, Jan. 7.—Via Rome and London, Jan. 8.—Venice is experiencing an unusually cold snap. The canals are frozen for the first time in years and the gondolas find it difficult to force a way through the ice. A light snow fell to-day and the Campanile presented the usual appearance of being in a snowstorm.

BOLSHEVIKI BACK IN BREST-LITOVSK IS GERMAN REPORT

London, Jan. 8.—The Russian peace delegation, including Foreign Minister Trotsky, reached Brest-Litovsk on Monday for the reopening of negotiations that afternoon, according to a Berlin dispatch received in Copenhagen and forwarded by the Exchange Telegraph Company.

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- Corset Covers of fine nainsook, yoke of eyelet embroidery trimmed with embroidery beading and ribbon. January White Sale price **75¢**
- Corset Covers of mercerized mull, yoke of Swiss embroidery trimmed with insertion lace and ribbon. January White Sale price **75¢**

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- Nightgowns of strong white cotton, tucked yoke trimmed with embroidery insertion. January White Sale **\$1.25**

- Nightgowns of fine nainsook, slipover style, embroidered yoke, trimmed with lace insertion, beading and ribbon. Also various other styles. January White Sale **\$1.25**
- Nightgowns of strong white cotton, V neck, trimmed with embroidery; O. S. sizes. January White Sale **\$1.25**
- Nightgowns of fine nainsook, slipover style, square yoke of Swiss embroidery, trimmed with lace beading and ribbons. January White Sale **\$1.50**
- Nightgowns of flesh colored mull, trimmed with fancy stitched and ribbon bows. January White Sale **\$1.75**

- Nightgowns of fine nainsook, square yoke, back and front of embroidery, sleeves finished with wide band of embroidery. January White Sale price **\$1.75**
- Nightgowns of fine nainsook, buttoned down front, daintily trimmed with embroidery edging and insertion. January White Sale **\$1.75**
- Nightgowns of fine nainsook, deep yoke of Swiss embroidery and lace insertion, in Empire effect; neck and sleeves trimmed with insertion and lace edging. January White Sale **\$2.00**
- Dainty Nightgowns of fine nainsook, deep yoke back and front of Val. lace insertion, sleeves trimmed to match. January White Sale **\$2.50**

White Sale of Combinations and Drawers

- Envelope Combinations of soft white cambric, yoke of insertion threaded with ribbon. January White Sale **75¢**
- Envelope Combinations of nainsook, deep yoke of Swiss embroidery and lace insertion. January White Sale **\$1.00**
- Envelope Combinations of white nainsook, yoke and sleeves of lace, finished with embroidery insertion and ribbon. January White Sale **\$1.25**
- Combinations, buttoned down front, trimmed back and front with tucks, embroidery insertion and lace. January White Sale **\$1.50**
- Drawers of white cotton, neatly trimmed with lace and embroidery. January White Sale **40¢**
- Drawers of strong white cotton, trimmed with linen lace and embroidery. January White Sale **50¢**
- Drawers of fine nainsook, trimmed with Swiss embroidery and lace. January White Sale **65¢**



White Sale of Brassieres

- Brassieres of strong cotton, trimmed with embroidery, front fastening. January White Sale **35¢**
- Brassieres of white cotton, trimmed with wide embroidery, front fastening and reinforced arm-holes. January White Sale **65¢**
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- Nightgowns of heavy Jap silk, variously trimmed with lace and hemstitching. January White Sale **\$6.75**
- First Floor

White Sale of Chemises

- Chemise of white cotton, neatly trimmed with lace and embroidery. January White Sale price **50¢**
- Chemise of white cotton, deep yoke of embroidery. January White Sale **75¢**
- Whitewear, First Floor

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- Princess Slips of white cotton, wide frill of tucked embroidery, yoke of embroidery, neck and sleeves trimmed with lace. January White Sale **\$1.50**
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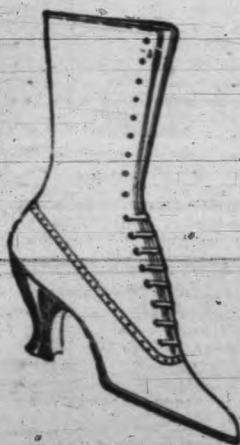
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According to the action of the photoplay, Thais is a celebrated beauty in the city of Alexandria, whose innumerable love affairs have scandalized the civilized world. The time is just when Christianity is beginning to supersede pagan gods. From among her many lovers the fancy of Thais is engaged by Paphnutius, a wealthy young man who is noted for his learning.

The young philosopher at once falls in love with the beauty, whereupon a jealous rival plans his death. Just as he is emerging from the house of Thais this rival sets upon him, but, in self-defence, Paphnutius kills him.

Although violent deaths are common in the Alexandria of that day, and there is no likelihood of Paphnutius being punished by the authorities, his Christian precepts tell him that murder is a heinous sin, and completely overcome with remorse at what he has done, he gives away all his worldly goods and becomes a monk with a group of other men doing voluntary penance off in the desert.

Then, when he has become celebrated for his holiness, he conceives the idea of converting Thais because it would have tremendous effect on people everywhere in the great cause, by saving the soul of the most notorious figure in the world of sin.

The outcome of this situation is one of the most thrilling portions of the film.

UNUSUAL VAUDEVILLE COMING TO PANTAGES

A big bill of unusual vaudeville will open at the Pantages with the matinee performance to-morrow. In connection with this bill, at the matinee performance, the patrons of the theatre will have an opportunity to view the wonderful patriotic drama, "For the Freedom of the World," as well as for the one price of admission. The showing of the picture, however, commences at 1.30 p. m., and is concluded just in time for the opening of the vaudeville bill at 3.

The vaudeville programme will be replete with most entertaining comedy and specialties. Wilson's Lions will be the leading feature; this act is recognized as being vaudeville's top-most animal offering and is composed of a group of huge forest-bred beasts mastered by man; every animal in this act was captured wild in its lair and tamed in America. A most sensational as well as interesting novelty that is sure to be enjoyed thoroughly.

The Celtic entertainers, Burke-Touhey and Company will present a "Wedding," which is full of bright repartee and amusing situations. Some Irish dancing is also a feature of the offering.

Marjorie Lake and her company bring with them a very fine tabloid musical comedy, "College Days." The company is one of twelve people who make the best of their opportunities, and there is a brilliant scenic setting and splendid costuming for color effect. The music is good and there is much good comedy. Harry Richmond is very effective in songs, talk and piano playing, having just joined the Pantages circuit with a big reputation.

Grindell and Esther will offer funny eccentricities which they have labelled "A Study in Thinology," which is full of fun.

The Erna Antonio Three, described as the trio par excellence, will give a display of strength and feminine grace in a most accomplished manner.

JULIAN ELTINGE AS A BRONCHO BUSTER

While Julian Eltinge, the famous female impersonator, was working on the production of "The Clever Mrs. Carfax," the attraction at the Variety to-day, and to-morrow, and a number of cowboys "allowed" they didn't think much of a man that would parade around in woman's clothes. Their chance came when they had to work with Eltinge in a little "Western stuff," and they worked far into the night to find a horse, sore enough at the world to toss Eltinge into the distance.

To make sure that there would be no mistake they inserted a small but ambitious fragments of California cactus, between the horse's cuticle and the saddle blanket. Eltinge, unsuspecting, climbed on the horse and for ten minutes had a very busy time, but he never "pulled leather," and the horse was ready to quit before Julian was. Then when he dismounted he offered to lick any three of the cowboys, but they unanimously agreed that clothes do not necessarily make the woman, and that Julian was a sure enough he-man.

ELSIE FERGUSON IS NOTED FOR TEMPERAMENT

Elsie Ferguson, the noted star, who has deserted the stage and is acting before the camera for Artcraft, cannot complain of suffering from ennui, as she has experienced some strenuous moments in the short time she has been doing film work.

In "The Rise of Jennie Cushing" she plays the title role, that of a girl of unknown parentage, reared in the slums, who is arrested and sent to a reformatory for fighting with a gang of urchins who have been torturing a cat. Miss Ferguson is noted for her temperament, and patrons of the Royal Victoria Theatre, where the film will appear again to-night, will see plenty of action in the scene in which she attacks the crowd of young ruffians and puts them to flight after a most vigorous battle.

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WOMEN LIBERALS MEET

Mrs. M. E. Kenworthy Elected President of Association at Last Night's Annual Meeting.

Last night at the Liberal rooms in the Arcade Building the Victoria Women's Liberal Association held their annual meeting. There was a good attendance of members and after the completion of routine business the meeting proceeded with the election of officers for the ensuing year. Mrs. M. E. Kenworthy was elected president in place of Mrs. H. Norman, who handed in her resignation at the last meeting of the association.

Following are the other officers and members of the executive: First vice-president, Mrs. A. B. Dinsdale; second vice-president, Mrs. A. McIntyre; recording secretary, Mrs. J. J. Pilgrim; treasurer, Mrs. J. S. Brandon; executive, Mrs. A. C. Mahon, Mrs. M. Herd, Mrs. Stuart Henderson, Miss Shampney, Mrs. Pauly, Mrs. Powers and Mrs. McLeod.

Owing to the lateness of the hour by the time the election was concluded, the discussion as to the programme to be adopted for 1918 was postponed until the next meeting of the association.

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LADIES' MUSICAL CLUB

Fine Programme Arranged for Thursday's Concert at Empress Hotel; Vocal and Instrumental Numbers.

A splendid programme has been arranged for the next concert of the Ladies' Musical Club, to be held in the Empress ball-room on Thursday evening, January 10. The instrumentalists will include Miss Joy Calvert, who has played before the eminent virtuosos, Yease and Zimbalist, and music lovers await her appearance with pleasurable expectancy. The full programme is as follows:

PART I.
 Trio—Romance from "Miniatures"..... Frank Bridge
 Mrs. A. J. Gibson, Mrs. Bristol Bennett, Miss Maude Scruby
 Song—"The Beat of a Passionate Heart"..... Montague Phillips
 Mrs. Jesse Longfield.
 Violin—"Concerto"..... Paganini
 Miss Joy Calvert.
 Song—Scena Ed—Aria (Aloise), "La Gioconda"..... A. Ponchielli
 Corpl. Maris Hale.

PART II.
 Song—(a) "The Bedouin's Bride"..... William Dichmont
 (b) "From My Tent"..... William Dichmont
 Miss Lillian Haggerty.
 Violin—(a) "Capriccioso"..... Wieniawski
 (b) Faust, "Fantasia"..... Wieniawski
 Miss Joy Calvert.
 Song—"A Summer Night"..... Goring Thomas
 Mrs. Jesse Longfield.
 Violin Obligato, Mrs. Bennett
 Song—"Le Cor"..... A. Flegier
 Corpl. Maris Hale.
 Trio—(5) Intermezzo..... Frank Bridge
 Mrs. A. J. Gibson, Mrs. Bennett, Miss Maude Scruby.
 Mrs. A. J. Gibson will officiate as accompanist for the vocal selections, and Miss Una Calvert will accompany her sister.

Social & Personal

Senator L. W. Shattford is spending a few days in Seattle, where he is a guest at the Savoy Hotel.

Charles E. Campbell, of Vancouver, was a caller on the Attorney-General at the Parliament Buildings this morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Shaw, of Mission, have arrived in the city on a visit to relatives, and will spend some time in Victoria.

M. A. Macdonald, K. C., M. P. P. of Vancouver, is in the city to-day and was a caller at the Parliament Buildings this morning.

Lieut. W. Manson, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Manson, has returned to Victoria after a holiday spent with friends in Nanaimo.

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TO-DAY

Women's Auxiliary to Meet.—The regular business meeting of the Women's Auxiliary to the Great War Veterans' Association will be held in the Fort Street rooms on Wednesday, January 9, at 7.30 sharp. The secretary will be in attendance at the rooms at 7 for the purpose of giving membership tickets to those who have applied. Members who have finished socks are specially requested to hand them in at this meeting.

the United States Army and when called up will enlist at Minneapolis. Until that time he and his bride will reside in Port Arthur, where Mrs. Honstain will continue to occupy her present position as manager of the G. N. W. Telegraph Co. J. E. Davies, district manager of the G. N. W. Telegraph Co., went down from Winnipeg to attend the wedding.

Sidewalk Applications.—New sidewalks are to be built on Hillside Avenue, Scott Street and Albert Street.

Garden City Women's Institute.—The annual meeting of the Garden City Women's Institute will take place in the Institute rooms, to-morrow, Wednesday at 2 o'clock. The election of officers will be held and plans discussed for the programme to be followed during the coming year. The hope is expressed that every member will attend the meeting and bring a new member. Any suggestions for work during 1918 will be cordially welcomed.

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DRAFT AMENDMENTS UNDER CONSIDERATION

Municipal Officials Will Resume Conference Wednesday on Municipal Act

The clauses in the Municipal Act which cause the greatest trouble to officials of the municipalities are those dealing with assessment and taxation. These clauses, and particularly the course to be taken with regard to soldier's delinquent taxes, engaged the attention of the executive of the Union of B. C. Municipalities last week. The conference will be resumed on Wednesday in Vancouver on the draft of Part 8 of the Municipal Act. The draft will certainly be materially altered before it reaches the Legislature. It is suggested to set up a Court of Revision on the assessment roll, quite distinct from that which exists at the present time.

One proposal was that the County Court Judge of the area where the municipality is located shall have power to nominate three men, one of whom shall be a barrister of at least ten years' standing, and the other members shall not be those holding

elective office, such officials remaining in office till September 30, 1922. Temporary vacancies are to be filled by the County Judge and the salary is to be fixed by the municipality. Power would be given to remove for cause. An annual meeting is required in February.

Another project was to give the Council power to nominate six men, from whom the judge would elect three. A third proposal would be to give the judge full power of choice, but limit powers of the Court to re-adjust assessment in a radical manner.

No appeal will lie from the decisions of the Court, but proceedings may be taken for a stated case on points of law.

The nature of the assessments, methods of arriving at them, character of exemptions, assessments of telephone, telephone, electric light and electric power wires would be very similar to what they are now, with the special provisions for Victoria and New Westminster which exist in the present statute.

In what amounts to a definition of the principle of a budget, a series of clauses provide the machinery by which the Council may assemble the necessary data on which to frame the estimates. Section 8 of the Public School Act Amendment Act, 1912, would be repealed and a substitute provided requiring school boards to submit their estimates by November 15, also similar provision is made for boards of Police Commissioners and for hospitals receiving municipal grants. Armed with this information, a copy

of the estimates is to be sent within five days by the Comptroller or Treasurer to the Council. Before December 20 the Council is to pass the necessary by-law, to be known as the "Estimates and Rates By-law."

The provisions for collecting taxes, tax sales and redemption of property do not radically differ from those which prevail at present, but the object appears to be to remove the cumbersome clauses which at present worry municipal officials. A tax sale is made compulsory on September 30, but apparently in view of the City's private B.R. special provision is made for Victoria in the year 1918.

In this regard the compulsory tax sale project is known to provoke considerable criticism. Very stringent regulations are set out with regard to the disbursements of the municipality, and particularly with regard to expenditures being made while payments on interest and sinking fund are in suspension. These draft clauses would present it is stated, great difficulty in practice.

Making Arrangements.—Assistant Provost-Marshal Capt. Tweedale is leaving for Vancouver, to-night, to inspect the Military Police on the mainland, and to make further arrangements for dealing with defaulters under the Military Service Act.

City Market.—The City Market will be a busy place to-morrow, for the ground floor will be occupied by the stalls, while upstairs the Poultry Show will be in full swing.

DISCUSS ARREARS OF SOLDIERS' TAXES

Civic Retrenchment Association Holds Interesting Meeting

WILL TAKE PART IN CIVIC ELECTION CAMPAIGN

The Civic Retrenchment Association last night passed two resolutions which are to be submitted at four general meetings to be held in connection with the municipal election campaign, and at a final campaign meeting to be held at the Princess Theatre on January 16. These resolutions had reference to the payment of delinquent taxes by soldiers, and the question of economy in taxes in 1918.

In addition, a resolution moved, as a separate matter, by John Deane, to the effect that the Legislature be asked to extend the time for the payment of delinquent taxes to thirty years, was also passed. Aldermen John Dinsdale and Walker came in when the meeting was half over, and the members present so palpably considered the occasion an opportunity to "get at" these city fathers at close quarters that J. Howard Chapman, president, who was in the chair, stated at the termination of the meeting that they appreciated the attendance of the aldermen, but he would be very glad, on any future occasions, if the members would avoid personalities and address their remarks to the chair instead of directly at the aldermen.

The first resolution was proposed by A. M. Bannerman and seconded by F. Landsberg, and asked the Government to come to the relief of the city by paying certain arrears of taxes of soldiers on active service or returned therefrom.

Equal Treatment.

In speaking to the resolution, Capt. Macdonald pointed out the likelihood, under present conditions, of soldiers losing their homes; also alluding to the distinction between men who had been to France, and those who had only got as far as England. He considered that the latter had done their best to go to the front, and ought to receive equally favorable treatment.

John Deane held that the resolution was far too much involved, and that the Government was to be asked to assume too much, and for an indefinite time. Why not, he suggested, tackle the main issue from the point of view that the remedy lay in asking the Legislature not only to carry out the memorial but, seeing that they were responsible for the city's present position through passing the Local Improvement Act, to extend the time for the payment of the money?

The chairman pointed out that the matter before the meeting was not concerned with the Act, but Mr. Deane held that he was speaking to the motion, and stated that the acute question was how to get out of the monstrous load of debt applied by a mischievous Council. What they ought to do was to ask the Legislature to make a loan for thirty years for the repayment to the debenture holders of the money advanced, and he would move that resolution.

No Objection.

That could only be done, stated the chairman, as an amendment. The Association, he said, had discussed the matter at five meetings at which Mr. Deane had had the opportunity of being present, but he had not suggested any amendment to that effect.

"If you object to my speaking," declared Mr. Deane, "I will leave the room."

Being requested by the chair to proceed, Mr. Deane repeated that the whole resolution was too involved, that there was no urgency for it, and that they would be standing in their own light by passing it. The Association had got the Council to refrain from making expenditures, but it had accomplished nothing more. What they wanted was either to institute a different order of things, or walk out and leave them alone. The Legislature should be asked to get them out of the hole by extending the time for the payment to thirty years, or such different terms as would be most desirable to ameliorate the condition of the ratepayers due to the imposition of a local improvement act as administered by the City Council.

For Soldiers Only.

The chairman still held that the amendment was not in order, as the resolution called for an act of relief on behalf of the soldiers only, and that Mr. Deane's whole speech was quite apart from the subject.

At this stage Mr. Berry, a returned soldier who was conspicuous at the recent meetings held by Stuart Henderson, started in to severely criticize the Provincial Government who, he declared, were opposed to the returned men.

"I think you are talking about a matter you know nothing about," suggested a member, after which Capt. Macdonald bitterly complained of the remarks made by Mr. Deane which, he said, had astounded him. The latter, he held, practically said "turn this matter over to the Patriotic Alliance."

Were they not all patriotic? This was, he said, his first attendance at any of these meetings, and he was very sorry he had come. He hoped the whole atmosphere would be cleared.

Local Bolsheviki.

The chairman further alluded to the portion of the resolution in reference to the words "in name only," an allusion which again brought Mr. Berry to his feet with the remark that he was present, heart and soul, for the good of everybody in Victoria, but if they continued to take this apathetic stand they would soon have the Bol-

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Mr. Moore says the people of Cariboo want to see the Government arrange for the continuation of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway from Clinton into their district. Particularly from an agricultural standpoint it would help if operated to the Williams Lake District, where the bulk of the cattle are raised. He stated that the saving in transportation and loss of shrinkage which now occurs through the long drive on the hoof to the point of embarkation is a heavy charge on ranching operations in the Cariboo.

The harvests of the last two years have not been as good as usual owing to unfavorable weather conditions. The small settler has been disheartened in the country owing to lack of transportation, and there are few small farmers in that section of the province.

Mining activity has been quiet during the year, very few fresh properties having been opened. There has been a fair amount of fur trading in the district, but there are not so many trappers as usual operating.

Mr. Moore, who is a pioneer of forty years standing in the Cariboo, has for many years controlled a large acreage of grazing country.

SHIPS WITH SUPPLIES FOR ALLIES DEPART FROM UNITED STATES

An Atlantic Port of the United States, Jan. 8.—A number of ships loaded with supplies for the Allies which had been delayed here for more than two weeks because of lack of coal sailing to-day for European ports. Many vessels still are idle at the docks here awaiting fuel.

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St. John Women's Ambulance Classes—Those desirous of joining the First Aid and Home Nursing classes commencing this month, please make application to Mrs. Wallace Grime. Telephone 569L.

Court Triumph meets Wednesday night. Installation of officers. Foresters welcome.

Wise People don't boil their coffee, but let the boiling water percolate through it in a Rochester Percolator. The Rochester is made of copper and is nickel-plated. It looks well, makes the best coffee and wears well. \$4.75, \$5, \$5.25, at R. A. Brown & Co.'s, 1302 Douglas St.

Appointed Superintendent.—The Monarch Life Assurance Company, of which H. J. Knott is manager for Vancouver Island, has appointed Frank H. Cherry, as superintendent for the City of Victoria. Mr. Cherry had previously filled the position of district agent for the Metropolitan Life at Ladysmith. C. A. Crysdale, manager of the Monarch Life Assurance Company for British Columbia, whose head office is at Vancouver, is in the city, and reports that the company has just completed its most successful year, having written over \$1,250,000 of paid-up life and endowment new business during 1917.

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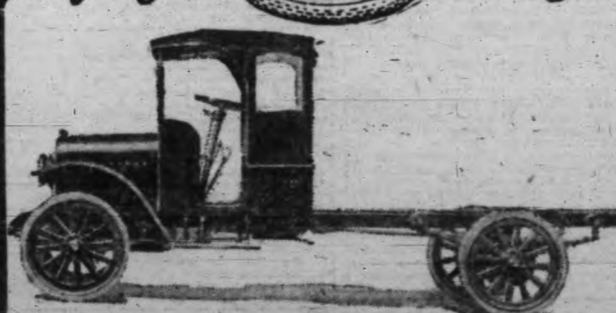
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Orders for Wood Blocks.—The City Council last evening authorized the engineer to invite tenders for 50,000 untreated wood blocks for street repairs. Alderman Christie maintained that only treated blocks should be used, owing to the unsatisfactory experience on Government Street, but Alderman Johns replied that the untreated blocks gave the best results.

Objects to Increase of Rent.—H. M. Wilson who rents a store on Cormorant Street, in the Market block, did not secure the support of the City Council last evening in asking a reduction of rent for his premises. The Council had notified him that the rent would be increased \$5 per month to \$25, and he claimed it should be reduced rather than raised. The communication was filed.

Before Huns Came.—"Before the Hun Came" is the name of the lantern talk to be given under the auspices of the Young People's Society, in St. Andrew's Presbyterian lecture room by Miss J. Cameron Brown on Monday evening next at 8 o'clock. Miss Cameron Brown will show a great many lantern views taken while on a three years' tour of Great Britain prior to the outbreak of war.

Labor Bureau Report.—Alderman Sargent, Chairman of the Labor Bureau Committee, undertook at the request of the City Council last evening to ascertain whether the direction to erase old names in the Labor Bureau list had been followed, as the Council thought the figures were remarkable. The report showed 609 women and 280 men seeking positions.

Arnold Street Subdivision.—Preliminary to an action, Mortimer vs. Frampton, shortly to come to trial, the City Council was asked last evening by Wootton & Hankey to approve of a plan covering a portion of Arnold Avenue at the rear of Fairfield Road. As there are two different maps in existence, one of which shows a strip of land between the frontage of the lots and the street, it was decided not to reapprove of the plan without reference to the plan in the Engineer's Department, which shows no such strip. A resolution was passed to reapprove, provided it agrees with that already filed.

New Officers Elected.—The Women's Missionary Society of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church announce the appointment of officers of the society for 1918 as follows: President, Mrs. H. N. Maclean; vice-president, Mrs. John Cotford; secretary, Mrs. James Anderson; treasurer, Mrs. Scott Miller. The first meeting of the year at the church at 2.35 p. m., Wednesday, January 9, will be addressed by Mrs. T. H. Maynard, a lady who has had considerable experience as a missionary in India, and whose ability and devotion are well-known.

Young People's Society Entertains.—The regular weekly social of the Young People's Society of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church was held last evening in the lecture room. About fifty sailors and soldiers attended this gathering, a drawing competition and other games forming a large part of the evening's entertainment. The following programme was also much enjoyed: Violin solo, Miss Roberts; song, Miss Robertson; recitation, Pte. Bellefontaine. Refreshments were served during the evening and the singing of the National Anthem brought to a close a most interesting meeting.

GONE TO ENGLAND

Sergt. W. H. Maysmith, of Imperial Motor Transport Service Back "in Harness" Again.

Sergt. W. H. Maysmith, of the Imperial Motor Transport Service, left the city on this afternoon's boat en route to London, England, to report again for duty. Sergt. Maysmith, it will be remembered, returned to the city from German East Africa at the latter end of November last on leave.

During his service with the Transport section of the "Imperial" Sergt. Maysmith saw a great deal of the operations in German East Africa, many exciting experiences falling to his lot. He was present at the battle of Salaita Hill when the guns of the British troops were saved by the prompt action of George Leighton, another well-known Victorian.

While no definite orders have been issued to Sergt. Maysmith, he fully expects that his duties this time will take him to the Italian front, the shortage of motor transport there causing some anxiety.



SECURED MUCH GOOD DATA FROM SEATTLE

Hon. John Oliver Saw Street Railway System With Public Officials

COMPILES REPORT FOR POSSIBLE REGULATIONS

In view of the important recommendations made in the report of Dr. Adam Shortt in connection with the operations and economic conditions of the British Columbia Electric Railway Company and the possible necessity of a modification of existing regulations, Hon. John Oliver, Minister of Railways, made an exhaustive investigation into the street railway system of Seattle on Friday last. He was accompanied by William Rae, the Government's Inspector of Equipment, Car signs, fare boxes, transfers, safety appliances, and a critical survey of the success of the one-man car system are treated in a memorandum compiled for the purpose of guiding the Minister in such legislation as may be necessary following certain changes advocated in Professor Shortt's already published report.

Referring to car signs, the Minister sets out in full the method adopted in the Seattle system. Each car carries its route number fixed to a sign on the roof at the forward end while a similar sign showing the car's destination is found on the forward end immediately under the roof as well as over the doors of entrance and egress. These signs are illuminated at night so that all are distinctly read at a distance of two ordinary city blocks. Mr. Oliver sees a great deal better system in vogue in the matter of transfers and is of the opinion that the British Columbia methods could be considerably improved with a saving of time both to the conductor and passenger. The Minister sets out in full the process followed in the American city.

How It Works.
 On payment of his fare and the request for a transfer the conductor on the Seattle car is not required to punch the day, hour, place of issuance and destination, as he must do on the B. C. E. R. He starts out with transfer slips already printed with the name of his route in large type. Each slip contains the day of the month in large red figures and such unused slips are carried over to the corresponding day of the succeeding month. Before the conductor commences his run he punches a number of transfers in the a. m. and p. m. space and similarly attends to the inbound and outbound designations on the transfer at the same time. His "fare" is immediately supplied with the required transfer without the necessity to wait for the punching operation and passengers move on quickly. Transfers on a transfer are also permissible and the Minister tested this process by taking three trips on a nickel fare—quite legitimate, of course.

Safety Devices.
 While Mr. Oliver says that many of Seattle's cars have been rebuilt and are in consequence not so spick and span as those of the B. C. E. R., there are a number of new steel cars in operation of a long, low, rakish variety with a large seating capacity. These are fitted with electric brakes, run very smoothly, and take curves easily and gracefully. The Minister observes, however, that one of the outstanding features of the Seattle street car system is the fact that safety devices are subject to the searching eye of the City's Public Utilities Commission, and in consequence the public gets every possible protection in this regard. It will be remembered that Professor Shortt recommended a Public Utilities Commission for the Province of British Columbia.

One-Man Street Car.
 With the possible adoption at a later stage of the one-man car system by the B. C. Electric, Mr. Oliver manifested considerable interest in this branch of the Seattle system. He was accompanied by Inspector McCloy, of the Seattle Public Utilities Commission. The Minister describes the car as one about twenty feet long seating from twenty-eight to thirty persons and carried on a rigid four-wheel frame. The car has two doors, one on the right side at the forward end and one in the centre at the rear, the latter being for use in emergency only. The motorman-conductor takes his seat on the forward end, facing the car, his right foot resting on the knob which operates the alarm bell going. At his right hand is a horizontal lever which, moved to the right, operates the compressed air brakes, while a right-hand movement accompanied with a slight downward pressure operates not only the brakes but also throws a sand blast under the car wheels and prevents skidding. A further movement of the same lever to the

right opens the car doors and lowers the entrance step.

"Dead Man's Control."
 The effect of the foregoing arrangement, says the Minister, which appears to work perfectly, is that the doors cannot be opened until the air brakes are fully applied and the car brought to a standstill. The car cannot be restarted or the air brakes released until the car doors are first fully closed. Another feature of the car is the "dead man's control." At the motorman-conductor's left hand is the lever controlling the current. When the current is applied the hand of the motorman must rest continuously on the controlling lever. Should he remove his hand for an instant an automatic device immediately throws the connecting switch and the motive power becomes disconnected, the air brakes applied, and the car brought to a standstill. Laying no claim to expert knowledge in this connection Mr. Oliver sees no reason why, with a competent man, the one-man car should not be operated with speed and safety.

Well Satisfied.
 The Minister is well satisfied with his trip and makes acknowledgement of the courtesy shown to himself and Mr. Rae by Inspector McCloy, of the Commission of Public Utilities and the Hon. Mr. Valentine, who rendered every possible assistance in their power.

TO SIMILKAMEEN

Hon. T. D. Pattullo Will Assist Liberal Candidate in the Interior Riding.

Hon. T. D. Pattullo, Minister of Lands, left the city this afternoon en route for the Similkameen, partly on business connected with his Department and partly to lend a hand on behalf of E. W. Mutch, the Liberal candidate in the Similkameen by-election. Mr. Pattullo will be away for the balance of the week returning to Victoria on Sunday next.

From reports to hand the campaign in the interior riding is already fully launched with a good programme of meetings scheduled by both sides. Both Mr. Mutch and his opponent Reeve Mackenzie are well-known throughout the district and a spirited fight is anticipated.

It will be remembered that Senator Shatford retained the seat for the Conservatives at the general election in September, 1915, by a majority of a little over a hundred, his own personal popularity playing no small part in Similkameen standing pat for his election.

CALL NEW TENDERS

Sanitary Committee Further Consider Garbage Situation in City.

A meeting of the Sanitary Committee of the City Council was held this morning to further discuss the question of towing contracts for city garbage. There were present the Mayor, Aldermen Sargent and Dinwale and Engineer Rust.

It was decided that new tenders should be called for, and the suggestion was made that the garbage be separated. This would mean that ashes, tins, etc., would be kept for filling purposes, while the material suitable for hog feed would be segregated for that purpose.

"VOTING INSTRUCTIONS"

Private Pears Returning to Canada After Nearly Three Years in Khaki; Parents Here.

Two days before the Federal election Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Pears received cabled advice from their son, Private William John Pears, to the effect that after more than two years' service he was returning home. His cablegram read thus: "Returning, vote for inscription." Yesterday he wired from St. John to say that he had safely arrived in Canada and that he would reach Victoria in a few days time.

Young Pears enlisted in and left British Columbia with the 48th Battalion, and underwent his baptism of fire in France in the April of 1916. He took part in the many memorable engagements on the Somme and was finally knocked out with severe wounds about a year since.

A few months ago he was patched up and returned to the front. Two months on the battle-line, however, disclosed the fact that his fighting days were over, with the result that he was ordered back to England for discharge as unfit for further active service.

Private Pears passed his twentieth birthday in September last.

ROTARY "IRON DAY"

R. R. Neild Will Address Club at Empress Hotel on Thursday.

The luncheons of the Victoria Rotary Club that are announced to-day promise to hold in store much of practical interest. The suggestion of Mayor Todd made at last week's meeting that the organization should hold a series of "Iron Days" has been acted upon with great promptitude by the executive.

For Thursday of this week R. R. Neild, of this city, will address the club, explaining the requirements of an iron industry and the suitability of local conditions for development along such lines. The luncheon will be held in the Empress Hotel.

Next week's meeting will take the form of a general discussion on the subject, when all members will have an opportunity to speak.

The Provincial Executive and local members of the Legislature have been invited to attend in view of the special interest of these meetings.

Weekly Half-Holiday.—The joint committee of the Board of Trade which is dealing with the matter of the proposed changes in the weekly half-holiday act will hold a meeting at 8 o'clock to-night. It was proposed to hold the meeting this morning, but this plan was not found suitable for the retail representatives.



Statements That Are Entirely Misleading

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Lodges

A. O. F.—Court Northern Light, No. 1335, meets at Foresters' Hall, Broad Street, 2nd and 4th Wednesdays. W. F. Fullerton, Secy.

COLUMBIA LODGE, No. 2, I. O. O. F., meets Wednesday, 8 p. m., in Odd Fellows' Hall, Douglas Street. D. Dewar, R. S., 120 Oxford Street.

DAUGHTERS AND MAIDS OF ENGLAND B. S.—Lodge Princess Alexandra, No. 12, meets third Thursday, 8 p. m., Orange Hall, Yates St. Secy, P. O. Harrison, 512 Fairfield. Visiting members cordially invited.

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K. O. P.—Far West Victoria Lodge, No. 1, 2nd and 4th Thursdays, A. O. F. Hall, North Park St. A. O. H. Harding, K. of R. S., 10 Promis Bldg., 1009 Government Street.

ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR—Victoria Chapter, No. 17, meets 2nd and 4th Mondays at 8 p. m. in the K. of P. Hall, North Park St. Visiting members cordially invited.

SONS OF ENGLAND B. S.—Alexandra, 12, meets 1st and 3rd Thursdays, A. O. F. Hall, Broad Street. Secy, J. H. Brindley, 120 Oxford Street; J. Smith, 1279 Seaview Ave., Hillside.

S. O. E. B. S.—Juvenile Young England meets 1st and 3rd Thursdays, A. O. F. Hall, 7 o'clock. Secy, E. W. Howlett, 151 Second Street, City.

SONS OF ENGLAND B. S.—Pride of the Island Lodge, No. 1, meets 2nd and 4th Tuesdays in A. O. F. Hall, Broad St. W. J. Cobbett, Maywood, P. O. president; secretary, E. Brindley, 1477 Pembroke Street, City.

ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR—Queen City Chapter, No. 1, meets 2nd and 4th Wednesdays at 8 o'clock in K. of P. Hall, North Park St. Visiting members cordially invited.

FOR SCHOOL TRUSTEE

Responding to the request of a large number of friends that I should become a candidate for the office of School Trustee at the approaching election, I have decided to offer my services for this honorable position, and in soliciting the support of the electors, hereby pledge my efforts to the best interests of the school and economical management of school affairs.

RICHARD W. PERRY, Manager, Great West Permanent Loan Company, Victoria, B. C., January 7, 1918.

RUSSIA WANTS ALL SYMPATHY IN CRISIS

Frederic Coleman Says Country Will Come Back; Will Speak Here To-morrow

"The most remarkable thing in the world war is the Russian situation," said Frederic Coleman, war correspondent, who returned from the Orient to-day, after a visit extending over all parts of Eastern Asia since August last. He has twice been on the Russian front on earlier occasions, and while on this occasion his tour ended in Siberia, he is thoroughly in touch with the situation.

Speaking of the Russian situation to The Times representative, Mr. Coleman stated in part: "In spite of the Leningrad faction, the bulk of the Bolsheviks are to be trusted and the administration will come back in a surprising way. After the abominable treatment handed out by officers to the soldiers it is a wonder that with their new found liberties there has not been wholesale destruction of life. It speaks volumes for the natural value of the people. They are the most lovable race on earth and if the Allies only extend their sympathy and help in the crisis, Russia will come out one of the greatest of the world's peoples."

"In China, while there is a strong desire to send troops to the war front, the political divisions of the various peoples in that country have prevented sustained action. China wants a strong central government, and while I have confidence in Premier Tuan, the differences between the President and Premier have not yet been adjusted. In Southern China there is considerable disturbance, and the points of difference are not such as warrant the controversy between North and South. It resolves itself into a point as to how the Constitutional Assembly shall be selected."

"I am confident that Premier Count Terauchi will give a firm lead to Japan in co-operating with the Allies, and there is no slackening of effort there."

Mr. Coleman, who was met by President John Cochrane and former President R. W. Perry, of the Canadian Club, visited Premier Brewster before leaving for Vancouver, intending to return for the Canadian Club luncheon to-morrow. This will take place at the Empress Hotel at noon. Members of the Women's Canadian Club will be admitted at 12.30 to hear the speeches.

Coming From Orient—According to a letter received from the manager of the Buena Vista Hotel, Cowichan Lake, he has already received reservations for the coming summer from foreign residents in the Orient. This communication was received at the office of the Victoria and Island Development Association.




Answers to Times Want Ads.

A. G. 246, 789, 827, 1168, 1175, 1184, 1194, 1197, 1218, 1227, 1215, 1217, 1292, 1271, 1273, 1280, 1287, 1212, 1282, 1275.

BORN—On January 4, 1918, at St. Joseph's Hospital, Victoria, B. C., to the wife of R. P. Davis, of Vancouver (nee Jessie Florence Leigh), a son.

STEVENS—At St. Joseph's Hospital, on 8th inst., to G. M. Stevens and Mrs. H. Stevens, 327 Springfield Avenue, Victoria, West, a son.

DIED—On 5th inst., at his home, 1234 Fort Street, Asa Bancroft Steele, aged 50 years, born in Cassburn, Ontario, and resident of this city for the past eight years. The deceased leaves to mourn his loss, besides a widow, three daughters and six sons.

The funeral takes place on Monday, the 14th, at 2 o'clock, from the above residence.

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RESOLVE TO APPLY FOR AN INJUNCTION

Fortified by Scrutiny To-day, Retail Clerks' Organization Takes Further Action

Confident that the early conclusion reached that a number of names admitted to the petition for the Weekly Half-Holiday—plebiscite by city officials are bad, the officials of the Retail Clerks' Union have this morning instructed counsel to apply to the courts for an injunction to restrain the City from submitting the referendum. They claim that about 200 of the 296 names admitted are not valid.

There will be another meeting this evening of the Board of Trade Committee, most of the proposed changes in the Act discussed at the previous meeting having received the approval of the employees at their meeting last evening.

HAS MILITARY MEDAL

Gunner A. D. Anderson, Youngest Son of J. A. Anderson, Rewarded for Bravery.

The many friends of the young soldier will be pleased to hear that Gunner A. D. Anderson has been awarded the Military Medal for conspicuous bravery shown during the recent intense fighting. Word to this effect has been received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Anderson, of Superior Street.

Gunner Anderson was one of the original members of the 48th Battalion, leaving Victoria with that unit in June, 1915. On reaching England he was transferred to the Canadian Field Artillery, with which he has seen considerable service. He was wounded during the battle of the Somme and on recovery returned to his battery in France.

Previous to enlistment the young artilleryman followed the profession of draughtsman, in which capacity he was employed on the staff of the Provincial Surveyor-General's Department.

Still in Custody—A. Lloyd Griffiths and N. B. Barnhardt were again remanded by Magistrate Jay to-day pending the receipt of the necessary information from Cranbrook, on charges of desertion. J. S. Brandon strongly opposed the Magistrate's detaining the prisoners, in view of the situation, and said he should take habeas corpus proceedings for their release.

ASKING CONTROLLER TO FIX PRICES OF RETAILER OF FEEDS

Hanna's Daily Wire Does Not Enthuse Hon. John Oliver a Bit

The Hon. John Oliver, Minister of Agriculture and Railways, receives an almost daily wire from the Food Controller. Yesterday's intimation from Ottawa dealt with the matter of feeds, but did not tend to clarify the situation with which readers of The Times are now familiar. Mr. Hanna says that J. D. Macgregor, of Winnipeg, has been appointed Western Representative, and that the matter of mill feeds was in his hands. Mr. Oliver's wire to the Controller had been forwarded from Ottawa to the gentleman named. The wire concludes with the useful information that there is "difficult question regarding freight on mill feeds" and that it "was being cleaned up as quickly as possible."

"For Publication." The Minister of Agriculture is not enthused over the information contained in the telegram, and in reply to a second wire to hand this morning he gave cold facts before the Hon. Mr. Hanna. The Controller wired to ask the Minister what progress was being made along the lines of increased production in British Columbia so that such report might be included in the official publication issued from the Department at Ottawa, under the title of "Food Bulletin," in which is retailed to the general populace the various achievements of the Food Controller.

Hogs Blush at Delay. The following is the Minister's reply: "Replying to your wire. Depletion of farm labor makes increased production in British Columbia impossible. Absolute failure to obtain supply of feed stuffs at prices fixed by you will make campaign for increased hog production largely non-effective. Will you regulate prices of mill stuffs charged to the consumer by the dealers?" All attempts of the Provincial Department of Agriculture to purchase feed for distribution among the farmers of the Province having proved utterly futile the Minister now places trolleys for action along the only lines possible to secure success for the campaign.

In the meantime two men are being sent out by Mr. Oliver into the byways to preach the Gospel of more hogs, and then more hogs!

JOHN B. MCKILLIGAN LAID TO REST TO-DAY

Distinguished Gathering Pay Last Respects to Highly-Honored Citizen

The funeral of the late John B. McKilligan took place this afternoon from the family residence on Rockland Avenue. A short service at the home was conducted by the Rev. Dr. Clay, after which the cortege proceeded to the St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, where Dr. Clay also officiated.

Many and beautiful were the floral tributes from all sections of the community. The interment took place at Ross Bay Cemetery, the service at the graveside being in charge of the Masonic Order. The customary sprigs of acacia were cast into the open grave.

The active pallbearers who attended from the house to the church were as follows: Hon. John Hart, Minister of Finance; James Patterson, A. T. Goward, A. N. Mout, A. B. Fraser and J. L. Beckwith; active pallbearers comprising his brother masons were E. E. Leason, Hon. J. H. King, Minister of Public Works; J. G. Brown, Angus McKewen, William Henderson and Dr. G. B. Milne; honorary pallbearers: the Hon. H. C. Brewster, Hon. John Oliver, Donald McLean, A. Campbell, Reddy, Fred W. Jones, William Archibald, W. J. Bowser, K. C. M. P. P.; D. E. Campbell, Alexander Robinson and J. Keith Wilson.

All Government Departments both in the Parliament Buildings and throughout the city remained closed this afternoon between the hours of 2 o'clock and 3.30, out of respect for the deceased gentleman.

TWO CANDIDATES

Alderman Cameron and R. W. Perry Will Be in Field.

Alderman Cameron to-day definitely announces that he will be in the field for re-election as alderman next week. He states that he will not be a candidate for the Police Commissionership, which he has held for two years.

For the two-year term as School Trustee R. W. Perry to-day stated to The Times that he was in the field. Mr. Perry is well-known in political circles, and has been local manager of the Great West Loan Co. for a number of years.

Week of Prayer.—The first meeting of the special week of prayer, organized by the Ministerial Association, was held at the Metropolitan Methodist Church last night. A large congregation attended and the service was most impressive. Rev. Dr. Clay delivered an inspiring address on "Thanksgiving and Humiliation," and Rev. H. S. Osborne made a few brief remarks in the capacity of chairman. To-night at the same church the second service will be held under the chairmanship of Rev. A. deB. Owen, when Rev. J. Robinson will speak on "The Church Universal."

P. M. LINKATER FOR COMMISSIONERSHIP

Three Have Now Declared Themselves for the Coming Contest

P. M. Linklater intimates that he intends to enter the field for a Police Commissionership, for which there have been two candidates previously announced in the persons of Commissioner R. S. Day and Mrs. Spofford.

Mr. Linklater was a License Commissioner in 1916. He stands, he says, for an "efficient, progressive, and firm" administration of the department, with due regard to economy. He has heard much of "proposed official changes in the department, but will not discuss that phase of the question till he is more familiar with the details. Mr. Linklater considers that the Commissioners should take a firm hand with regard to Sunday observance, there being a tendency to break down regulations, though realizing that more active co-operation from the provincial authorities will be necessary under the statutory limitations in order to initiate prosecutions.

As head of one of the city's leading tailoring establishments for 16 years Mr. Linklater has been eminently successful. He is a native of the Orkney Islands and has spent most of his life in Canada, having resided in Hamilton, Ontario, before coming west. His father was associated for many years with the Hudson's Bay Company in Manitoba, and New Ontario, holding important posts.

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All are reminded that the regular monthly meeting of this Branch postponed last week will take place to-morrow (Wednesday) evening at the rooms, May and Linden, at 8 o'clock.

Building Permit.—A building permit has been issued to William Duck for alterations to the building at the corner of Broad Street and Johnson Street.

ON THURSDAY, JANUARY 10, 1918

A PUBLIC MEETING

will be held in the Soldiers' and Sailors' Home, Esquimalt, under the auspices of the Win-the-War League, to meet our Member,

MR. J. C. MCINTOSH, M.P.

and give him a rousing send-off.

DR. S. TOLMIE, M.P.

has also promised to be present. All citizens are cordially invited to attend.

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SEEKS CO-OPERATION TO DEVELOP ISLAND

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PARKER WILLIAMS IS NOT DECIDED AS YET

Says It is a Possibility That He May Run for New-castle

Nanaimo, Jan. 8.—Briefly the political situation at Ladysmith is this: Hon. W. Sloan visited the town on Sunday, and to private parties announced that Parker Williams would run in the Liberal interests, though as a Labor candidate. Sloan returned to Victoria yesterday with Mr. Williams, but apparently when he had talked the matter over with the executive it was found that any such step would be inadvisable, and Sloan is, therefore, back in Ladysmith to-day and at the Liberal convention to be held to-night will reform that body that Parker Williams will not be a candidate. They are, however, expected to nominate someone at this convention to oppose Hawthornthwaite. The Conservatives are holding their convention this afternoon, but it is not thought to be likely that they will consent to unite with the Liberals in nominating a joint candidate. Indeed, it is highly probable that they will adjourn sine die and that there will be no opposition from the Conservative side.

When asked by a representative of The Times this morning as to whether he intended to relinquish his seat on the Workmen's Compensation Board and enter the political arena in the New-castle riding Parker Williams was not in a position to give a definite reply.

He admitted that he had been literally bombarded by his old constituents with requests that he again seek the suffrage of the people in the interests of labor.

Mr. Williams said that his entrance as an opponent to the already announced candidate was a possibility, his decision largely dependent upon a combination of circumstances the settlement of which was in the hands of his friends in the riding.

Asked as to whether, in the event of his decision to become a candidate, he would conduct the campaign under the Labor banner, Mr. Williams said that that would be his "ticket."

"NO MAN INDISPENSABLE"

Says Representative of Company Regarding Appeal of Employee Under M. S. Act.

"I quite agree that no man is indispensable, and we have no wish to stand in the way of any man being sent to the front," stated R. Neill, of the Victoria Machinery Depot Company, when appearing before Judge Lammiman's Appeal Tribunal this morning in connection with the case of B. C. Lambert, of 40 Government Street, who is employed by the company as an accountant.

Lambert's appeal was previously dismissed through failure to appear, and a rehearing of the case took place this morning. The ground of the application was in connection with domestic hardship, and it was also stated by Mr. Neill that the company, which is doing a large amount of Government work, would experience very great difficulty in replacing Lambert.

"Now, my dear," his mother said, "I told you not to fight, but you have disobeyed me, and now you have lost 20 of your teeth."

"Oh, no, I didn't lose them, mother," he answered cheerfully, "I've got them both in my pocket."

The Great West Permanent Loan Company

DIVIDEND NO. 30

Notice is hereby given that a Dividend of Two and One-half per cent (2½%) for the six months ending Dec. 31, 1917, at the rate of Five per cent per annum has been declared on the Capital Stock of the Company.

The same will be payable at the Office of the Company on January 8th, 1918.

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WILSON'S ADDRESS GIVEN APPROVAL

Members of American Congress Praise President for Speech To-day

Washington, Jan. 8.—The address to Congress in which President Wilson to-day stated the war aims of the United States called forth instant and enthusiastic praise. Leaders and rank and file joined in expressions of emphatic approval with few reservations. It was the general opinion that the President's address had possibilities of hastening peace and influencing the Russian negotiations, while at the same time concretely giving peace terms and endorsing Mr. Lloyd George's statement. Senator Stone, of the Foreign Relations Committee, declared he was in full agreement with the President, while other Senators referred to the address as "the best thing the President has done" and "his greatest paper."

Chairman Flood, of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, declared the address would carry encouragement to the Allies, and particularly encourage and hearten the Russians.

Representative London, of New York, the only Socialist in Congress, declared: "It is a good message."

"The President's message," said Speaker Clark, "was strong, clear, and explicit. It is the most luminous of the President's utterances, as clear as crystal. The man who cannot understand it is precisely what the President means is unusually dense."

Amsterdam, Jan. 8.—The Hungarian Government's proposal regarding army reforms, which includes provision for establishing separate military units for Austrians and Hungarians, has been opposed unanimously at a meeting of the Austrian military council under the presidency of Emperor Charles, a Vienna dispatch to the Vossische Zeitung, of Berlin, reports.

It is believed the proposal has little prospect of realization, says the dispatch, as the council of marshals under the presidency of the Emperor also has pronounced against the Hungarian separate proposals.

GERMAN CLAIM ABOUT MACEDONIAN FRONT

Berlin, Jan. 8.—Withdrawal of Russian troops from a sector on the Macedonian front is reported in today's statement from army headquarters as follows:

"German troops brought in French prisoners from trenches west of Lake Preshevo, which hitherto had been defended by Russians."

All fronts are embraced in the terms of the armistice agreement between Russia and the Central Powers and in conformity therewith the Russians in Macedonia evidently have been withdrawn from the trenches, as were those in France recently.

CANADIAN MILITARY AND NAVAL VOTE

Ottawa, Jan. 8.—Two hundred and forty thousand military and naval votes were cast overseas in the general election. In North America the naval and military vote totalled about 40,000.

Allocation of the overseas vote is now well in hand. Votes cast on the European Continent are being allocated and counted at the office of the Canadian Commissioner in Paris, and those cast in Great Britain at the office of the High Commissioner in London.

Allocation of the North American vote will begin in Ottawa this week, possibly Wednesday.

DORA SHORTER IS DEAD IN LONDON

London, Jan. 8.—Dora Shorter, the poetess, died in London to-day.

Dora Shorter was born in Dublin, the daughter of George Sigerson, the typographer. She was married in 1896 to Clement Shorter, editor of The Sphero. Her collected poems were published in 1909 and her new poems in 1912.

SLOT MACHINES.

Montreal, Jan. 8.—The Montreal Board of Control for the second time within a year has adopted a resolution asking the federal authorities to prohibit the importation of slot machines into the Dominion. The Attorney-General of the Province of Quebec asked in the resolution to prevent the licensing of slot machines in the provinces. There is a great many slot machines in this city.

ORDER OF EMPIRE.

London, Jan. 8.—(Via Reuters' Ottawa Agency).—In order to meet the convenience of the Dominions and colonies, with the present closeness of communications, it has been arranged to defer until a later date, probably March 1, the notification of lists of appointments to the Order of the British Empire in respect to services in or for the Dominions or colonies.

PERSIANS IN BERLIN.

Amsterdam, Jan. 8.—Three members of the Persian Parliament accompanied Talaat Bey, the Turkish Grand Vizier, when he arrived in Berlin for conferences on the war situation.

DECLARATION FOR FRANCE WAS CHEERED

Demonstration in Congress When President Wilson Referred to Alsace-Lorraine

Washington, Jan. 8.—The practical agreement in fundamentals of the statement of war aims made by President Wilson before the Houses of Congress to-day with that made last Saturday by Mr. Lloyd George, the British Prime Minister, made an immediate and profound impression on all who heard Mr. Wilson.

Coming at a moment when Germany faces the demands of her Socialists for abandonment of any programme of annexations and indemnities and also faces the failure of the peace negotiations at Brest-Litovsk, the President's pronouncement takes on tremendous importance. Although the address was punctuated liberally with applause, there was one great demonstration when the President declared France must have right for the wrong in Alsace-Lorraine. At that the entire assembly rose, applauded and cheered loudly.

Otherwise the President's address was delivered in the silence which denoted the rapid attention of an audience which realized that it was passing through a great quarter of an hour in the life of the world.

The President occupied just 23 minutes in delivering his address. The visiting Serbian Mission sat with the members of the Cabinet and joined in the applause that greeted the declaration for restoration of Serbia and the freedom of the Balkan peoples. Each statement of the programme was greeted with some applause, as the President made it, and there was no division of approval apparent between the parties.

GEN. GROSSETTI, OF FRENCH ARMY, DEAD; WHAT HE ACHIEVED

Paris, Jan. 8.—General Grossetti, who commanded the 42nd Division under General Foch in the Battle of the Marne and executed the famous flank movement which decided the fate of Foch's Champagne and the victory of the Ninth French Army, is dead at the age of 55 years.

General Grossetti took part in the operations in the Champagne and Verdun and subsequently commanded an army at Salonica. He relinquished his command last October on account of illness and returned home.

BAVARIAN KING IS A LAST-DITCHER, IT WOULD APPEAR

Amsterdam, Jan. 8.—King Ludwig of Bavaria is quoted in a Munich dispatch as having said yesterday at a reception on his birthday that the terms of Germany's enemies were exorbitant.

"Not one inch of German territory will be given up," he declared. "We must try to safeguard our frontiers." Asserting that the Bavarians, like the other Germans, were victorious everywhere, the King added: "May we succeed also in defeating our latest enemy, the Americans."

DUSSELDORF PAPER ON BRITISH AIMS

Amsterdam, Jan. 8.—The Nachrichten of Dusseldorf says: "The main point of Lloyd George's speech is that it binds Great Britain to fight to the last breath for Alsace-Lorraine. We do not believe, however, that the British people will fight to the last breath for this war aim."

"There is no Alsace-Lorraine question for us and the speech therefore cannot aim at promoting peace with us. It was intended to throw suspicion on the negotiations at Brest-Litovsk. The sword alone can convince this enemy and make him ready for peace."

ONE GERMAN ADMITS BRITISH POSITION TO-DAY FAVORABLE

Amsterdam, Jan. 8.—Dealing in The Tascheische Rundschau, of Berlin, with the speech made in London last Saturday by Lloyd George, General Liebert says the balance of the war is greatly in favor of Great Britain, which has truly in hand not only the Cape-to-Cairo line of communication, but the more important overseas route from Cairo to the Persian Gulf. These questions, he adds, must be settled at the peace conference, and everything depends on the skill of the anti-British group whether it or Great Britain shall finally triumph.

The Bourgeois Courier regards Mr. Lloyd George's speech as an attempt to isolate Germany by intimidating her Allies.

The Bourgeois Zeitung says that an important point in connection with the speech is that there is a material difference between the present British war aims and those known to have been held recently. This newspaper believes the reason may be found in England's present position, which it describes as difficult.

RAID BY GERMANS REPORTED BY HAIG; ARTILLERY ACTIONS

London, Jan. 8.—"An enemy party raided one of our positions yesterday afternoon in the neighborhood of Fleisqueres and one of our men is missing," says a report from Field-Marshal Haig issued here to-day.

"Hostile artillery showed some activity during the night in the neighborhood of Bullecourt and Passchendaele."

GERMANS FAILED ON VERDUN FRONT

Attack Near Bethincourt Was Broken Up by French Fire

Paris, Jan. 8.—German troops who attempted to advance on the Verdun front after a bombardment were driven back by the French fire last night, it was announced officially here this afternoon. Heavy artillery fighting continued on the Champagne front. The report follows:

"In the Champagne there was active reciprocal artillery fighting in the region of the heights.

"On the left bank of the Meuse (Verdun front) after a lively bombardment French troops attempted to approach the French lines in the region of Bethincourt. The French fire broke up the effort, inflicting losses on the enemy.

"French troops, without loss, made a successful incursion into the German lines west of Roureilles.

"The night was calm everywhere else.

"On Sunday French pilots brought down or severely damaged six German aeroplanes. French bombing squadrons carried out several operations on Saturday night. Chemical works at Ludwischhafen, railroad stations at Freiburg-en-Brisgau, the aviation ground at Neubersach and factories at Rombach, Malzieren and Hagondange were bombed with many projectiles."

UNLIKELY RAILWAY BOARD WILL CHANGE RULING ON RATES

Ottawa, Jan. 8.—The protest of the Manitoba Government and western business men against the Railway Commission's grant of an increase in railway freight rates which will be heard at a special sitting of the Railway Board here next Thursday, will not, it is believed, in official circles here, affect in any degree the judgment of the Board. It is understood that the majority of the protests so much concerned with the increase in the rates as with the time in which the increases will go into effect.

Western business men, especially grain dealers and lumbermen, it is stated have bought grain and lumber at figures based on the old rates and stand to lose considerably if the new rates are enforced in the near future. The railways, it is understood, will be represented at Thursday's hearing.

MAJOR BISHOP WILL SPEAK IN MONTREAL

Montreal, Jan. 8.—A special luncheon of the Canadian Club here will be held on Friday, when the only Canadian who has ever won all three highest British military war decorations, Major Bishop, V. C., D. S. O., M. C., of the Royal Flying Corps, will come from Washington to deliver an address.

Sir Frederick Smith, the British Attorney-General, who is now in the United States on a special mission, will address the Canadian Club of Montreal on January 25.

LABOR MOBILIZATION IN UNITED STATES

Washington, Jan. 8.—Mobilization of 3,000,000 workers for agriculture, shipbuilding and war contracts plans throughout this country was entrusted yesterday to the United States Employment Service by the Department of Labor.

John R. Denmore, of Montana, solicitor for the Department of Labor, will be national director of the employment service. One expected result is the placing of 600,000 mechanics in shipbuilding plants to aid in hurrying to completion the merchant marine programme.

MILITARY APPEALS FROM ST. BONIFACE

Winnipeg, Jan. 8.—About 50 appeals from Mr. Justice Prud'homme's appeal tribunal will be carried to Ottawa. The cases are being taken to the highest court provided for under the Military Service Act by E. Taylor, the special military representative who was appointed by Lieutenant-Colonel Bell.

Many of the appeals are in connection with decisions granted by Tribunal No. 17 which were upheld by the judge. The latter tribunal, which is composed of Henri Royal and ex-Ald. Cusson, of St. Boniface, refused exemption in only eight cases out of over 200 which were heard.

JAPANESE MESSAGE TO MR. LLOYD GORGE

Tokyo, Jan. 7.—Count Seki Teruchi, Premier of Japan, in replying to a New Year's message from Mr. Lloyd George, the British Prime Minister, said:

"The inspiring message issued on behalf of your War Cabinet and sent through me to this Government and people is welcomed with the heartiest thanks as the embodiment of the feelings and aims of all the Allied nations. Our fixed resolve is that the jewel of civilization shall not be lost to the world."

"We congratulate ourselves that you can say that the efforts of the Imperial Japanese navy have contributed toward the accomplishment of this great end. May the co-ordinated devotion of the peoples engaged in the Titanic struggle against the organized forces of inhumanity and deceit come speedily to a full fruition."

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FINANCIAL NEWS

MONTREAL STOCKS

(By Burdick Bros. & Brett, Ltd.)

Montreal, Jan. 8.—There was no special feature in the local market, the market simply moving in a small way in sympathy with Wall Street fluctuations. There was a fair demand for Laurentine, which sold over the minimum, and the steel issues were strong in the early trading. The market was reactionary toward the close, but last sales were generally better than yesterday's finals.

War Loan bonds were a little heavier, but quiet.

	High	Low	Last
Bell Telephone	139	139	139
Brilliant Traction	321	321	321
R. C. Fish	40	40	40
Can. Cement, com.	57 1/2	57 1/2	57 1/2
Can. Car Foundry, com.	99	99	99
Do, pr. E.	19	19	19
Do, pr. E.	49 1/2	49 1/2	49 1/2
Can. S. S. com.	75	75	75
Do, pr. E.	75	75	75
Can. Locomotive	47 1/2	47 1/2	47 1/2
Can. Cottons	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2
Can. Gen. Elec.	101 1/2	101 1/2	101 1/2
Civ. Inv. & Ind.	69	69	69
Cons. M. & S.	25	25	25
Detroit-Edison	128 1/2	128 1/2	128 1/2
Dom. Bridge	55 1/2	55 1/2	55 1/2
Dom. I. & S.	54 1/2	54 1/2	54 1/2
Dom. Textile	41	41	41
Laurentine Co.	124	124	124
Laurentide Power	50	50	50
Lyall Constn. Co.	62	62	62
Maple Leaf Milling	32 1/2	32 1/2	32 1/2
Montreal Tram	59	59	59
Montreal Cotton	12 1/2	12 1/2	12 1/2
MacDonald Co.	12 1/2	12 1/2	12 1/2
N. S. Steel, com.	70	70	70
N. S. Steel, pref.	105 1/2	105 1/2	105 1/2
Ont. Steel Prods.	140	140	140
Ontario Milling Co.	140	140	140
Pennams, Ltd.	65	65	65
Quebec Railway	15	15	15
Ridgdon Paper	17 1/2	17 1/2	17 1/2
Schreiber	12	12	12
Spanish River Pulp	12 1/2	12 1/2	12 1/2
Do, pref.	60	60	60
Steel of Can.	52	52	52
Do, pref.	85 1/2	85 1/2	85 1/2
Toronto	59	59	59
Twist City Elec.	48	48	48
Winnipeg Elec.	48	48	48
Waynand Pulp	57	57	57
Waynand Pulp	57	57	57
Dom. War Loan, 1921	92 1/2	92 1/2	92 1/2
Dom. War Loan, 1927	92 1/2	92 1/2	92 1/2
R. B. of Can.	208	208	208

NEW YORK CURB

(By Burdick Bros. & Brett, Ltd.)

	Bid	Asked
Canada Copper	115	115
Standard Silver Lead	1	1
Wright-Martin Aeroplane	1	1
Curtiss Aeroplane	25	25
Mid. Western Oil	112	112
Mid. Western Refining	110	110
Chevrolet Motors	115	115
Butte & Balclutha	30	30
Boston & Montreal	52	52
Magma Copper	36	36
Ray Hercules	36	36
Hecla Mining	42	42
Howe Sound Mining	31	31
Submarine Boat	121	121
N. A. Pulp	22	22
S. A. Pulp	22	22
Shannon	54	54
New Cornelia	153	153
St. Joseph's Lead	148	148
United Motors	241	241
Big Leage	1	1
Maxima	5	5
Kerr	1	1
Northwest Oil	71	71
Elk	94	94
Northwest Oil	64	64

TO-DAY'S TRADING ON THE WINNIPEG MARKET

Winnipeg, Jan. 8.—The grain market here, which opened to-day unchanged from Friday, became stronger again for the first two hours, but on receipt of peace rumors there was an easing off in prices. Oats futures closed 11 lower for May and 2 lower for July. Barley closed 11 cents higher for May. Flax, closed 2 cents higher for January and 2 cents higher for May.

	Open	Close
Oats—Contract	84	84
May contract	84	84
July contract	83	83
Barley	146	146
Flax—Contract	218	218
May contract	218	218
July contract	217	217
Cash prices: Oats—2 C. W. 83; 3 C. W. 74; extra 1 feed, 79; No. 1 feed, 74; 2 feed, 74.		
Flax—No. 1, 129; No. 2, 134; rejected and feed, 116.		
Flax—No. 1, N. W. C. 239; 2 C. W. 217; 3 C. W. 238.		

GRAINS WEAKENED AT CHICAGO TO-DAY

(By Burdick Bros. & Brett, Ltd.)

Chicago, Jan. 8.—The market was weaker at the opening to-day and it took very little selling to start a decline. It is felt that the quantity of grain in the country must soon be a factor and this has a tendency to limit investment buying. Oats was the weakest on the market and lowest prices were made near the close.

	High	Low	Last
Corn	127 1/2	127 1/2	127 1/2
May	127 1/2	127 1/2	127 1/2
Oats	83	83	83
May	77 1/2	77 1/2	77 1/2

NEW YORK SUGAR

New York, Jan. 8.—Raw sugar steady; centrifugal, 5.65; molasses nominal; refined steady; fine granulated, 8.65.

ERRATIC MARKET IN NEW YORK STOCKS

(By Burdick Bros. & Brett, Ltd.)

New York, Jan. 8.—The stock market here hesitated until the substance of the President's message was known and then declined sharply several points in the active issues. A fair rally made up part of the losses, but the market again sold off. There were two views of the message in the financial community. One was that it was a step toward peace, and those who held this view pointed to the extent of the declines in the so-called war stocks, like Industrial Alcohol, to prove their point. The other theory was that the President in insisting upon the restoration of Alsace-Lorraine to France had laid down a condition that Germany would not accept until compelled to.

Total sales, 75,000 shares.

SPORTING NEWS

TOLL OF ATHLETES STILL HEAVY; NEW LISTS ARE ISSUED

Many Branches of Sport Represented by Men Who Have Fought

London, Jan. 8.—British sportsmen continue to fall in the great war, the latest casualty list issued containing the names of prominent athletes in every branch of sport. Lieut. G. C. B. James, killed, rowed in the Eton College boat at Henley and was captain of his college boat at Oxford. Capt. W. L. Carver, killed, was in the rugby fifteen and cricket eleven when at Hareford School and afterwards captained the Western-Super-Mare cricket and hockey clubs.

Distance Runner Killed.
Capt. S. F. Ayres, killed, was one of the best distance runners in the south. He won the South London Harriers' mile in 1916 and 1917 and led their team home in many an inter-club race. The death in action is also reported of Gar. Sidney Martin, who made a great name for himself as a swimmer and water polo, assisting the "Soft House" S. C. Sheffield, to win the Yorkshire water polo championship. He was an expert in life saving and also won the swimming championship of Sheffield.

Famous Soccer Men Killed.
Soccer football has lost two splendid players in Lieut. Hugh Cameron, who was a member of Clapton Orient, and Lieut. F. G. Wheatcroft, of Swindon Town. The latter won his international cap against Ireland in 1907 as an amateur, and before going to Swindon played for Fulham, Derby County and Reading. Major the Hon. L. H. Tennison, the Hampshire County cricketer, is officially reported wounded for the fourth time.

Golfer is Missing.
Capt. G. B. Crole, of the Royal Flying Corps, who is reported missing, represented Oxford University at golf in 1913 and 1914, as well as winning his "blue." Capt. Iron Elias, wounded, is a fine golfer and holder of the Rhymney-Valley championship. Second-Lieut. L. E. Kindersley, killed, was a splendid hurdler and when at Eton won both the junior and senior hurdles and the public school hurdles championship. Brig.-Gen. A. C. de Wiat, V. C., D. S. O., is reported wounded for the ninth time. He is a keen hunting man and point to point rider, and was also a member of the winning team in the inter-regimental polo contest in 1911.

Rugby Star Goes "West."
Major R. O. C. Ward, the famous rugby and boxing Cambridge "blue," has fallen in action. He played for Clifton College and won the school's heavyweight boxing in 1909 and the heavyweights for Cambridge against Oxford in 1902. He obtained his "blue" as a forward in 1903 and afterwards played regularly for the Harlequins, leading the pack. Lieut. A. D. Law, killed, was a noted footballer and cricketer when at Fettes College.

JUNIOR LEAGUE IN SIGHT BUT TROPHY IS GREATLY NEEDED

Immediate action is expected by the Victoria and District Football Association with respect to the forming of a Junior Soccer League. President Payne has announced that sufficient tentative entries have been received to insure the success of the project, and it is altogether probable that to-morrow evening's meeting of the Association will take some definite action.

At the present time there is no junior trophy in the possession of the local football body, and the officials are hoping that the Association may be the recipient of such a prize that could be offered to the winners of the new division.

INTERNATIONAL TENNIS FOR PLAY ON SATURDAY

New York, Jan. 8.—An international tennis match between leading players of the United States and Canada will be played on the indoor court of the Montreal Tennis Club next Saturday. The United States N. L. E. A. has selected F. E. Alexander, H. A. Throckmorton, Merrill Hall, all of New York, and N. W. Niles, of Boston, as the United States representatives. The Canadian players have not been announced as yet. The matches, which will be played for the benefit of the British Red Cross will probably consist of four singles and two doubles contests.

SOLDIER TEAMS WON BADMINTON CONTESTS

A couple of five badminton contests were played at the Y. M. C. A. last evening between Association teams and representatives of the N. C. O.'s from the Wilkes Camp.
In the first match Sergt. George and Sergt. Williams won three straight games from W. H. Bine and R. W. McKenzie, of the Y. M. C. A. In the second match the soldiers were also successful. Sergt. Spencer and Sergt. Boyd winning two out of three games from H. C. Cowan and J. H. Beatty, of the Y. M. C. A.

IS TITLE HOLDER



PTE. BILLY SNEDDON.

Of the 7th Battalion, featherweight champion of the British Expeditionary forces is no stranger to many of Victoria's sporting fraternity. Pte. Sneddon, prior to enlisting was prominent in local athletics and took part in numerous events held by the V. I. A. A. in the days of pre-war sport. Since going overseas he has added further laurels to an already coveted athletic reputation. At Havre in September of last year he defeated Pte. Moore, giving him the K. O. in the 5th of a 10 round bout. By this and some fourteen other contests Pte. Sneddon claims the featherweight title of the B. E. F. His brother, Pte. Russell Sneddon, of the 7th Battalion, returned on December 12, after 9 months in the trenches.

BASEBALL MAGNATES ON MANY SUBJECTS

War Tax Question Proves Interesting Topic of the Discussion

Cincinnati, Jan. 8.—Trades and then more-trades were discussed by the score of baseball magnates in town yesterday to attend the National Commission meeting here to-day, but no trades resulted from the discussions insofar as close observation could tell last night.

An informal meeting of the National League members the subject of war taxes proved to be the most interesting topic. Previous to the meeting President Tener had appointed a committee consisting of Secretary John Heydler of the National League; John Foster of the New York and Walter Haggood of the Boston clubs, to consult with Government officials relative to the payment of war taxes on passes to ball games.
The old Federal League peace agreement likewise came up at the meeting of the National League members. A representative of the Federal League was present for the purpose, according to President Tener, "to see if the matter could not be forwarded."
It was said unofficially, but reliably that the Federal League would be paid shortly.

SELECTED MANAGER OF NEW BALL CLUB OF PACIFIC COAST

Sacramento, Cal., Jan. 8.—"Bill" Rodgers, former second baseman of the Portland Beavers, was selected yesterday as manager of the new Sacramento Pacific Coast League baseball team, at a meeting of the directors.
Rodgers was authorized to sign seven of the former Portland team for the new club, as follows: Gus Fisher, catcher; Babe Borton, first baseman; Art Griggs, outfielder and first baseman; Gardner, pitcher; Pinelli, third baseman; Willie, outfielder, and Brenton, pitcher.

THREE GAMES A WEEK CALLED FOR IN NEW SCHEDULE FOR EAST

Montreal, Jan. 8.—The new schedule for the National Hockey League necessitated by the default of the Wanderers when the arena burned down, calls for three games a week. The first half of the season will end on February 4 and the second half on March 4. All games with the Wanderers up to January 2 will be acknowledged in the standing of the teams, but the defaulted games with Canadiens last Wednesday and that with Toronto on Saturday will go to Canadiens and Toronto respectively.
The schedule calls for the Canadiens to play in Toronto on Wednesday night and Ottawa will come to Montreal next Saturday.

EASTERN HOCKEY LEAGUE

N. H. L. Standing.

Team	Won	Lost	For	Agst.
Canadiens	3	1	28	38
Torontos	2	3	25	33
Ottawa	2	4	21	35

The Celts was first introduced into the orchestra for the important part written for it in Tchaikovsky's "Dance of the Sugar-plum Fairy." This part called for solo work.

VALUE OF LONG HIT WHEN PLAYING GOLF

Francis Ouimet Tells of Incidents in Jesse Guilford's Game

Golfers in general appreciate the value of long, accurate hitting, but few consider its great advantages. During the past year I have had the pleasure of being a partner of Jesse Guilford, and I think I can write with some degree of intelligence on the subject of long hitting, says Francis Ouimet.

Guilford has long been recognized as one of the greatest swatters in the country and he has lost none of this natural ability. But he has more than the long shots. In fact, he is one of the soundest golfers I have ever seen. His great long game makes his other shots much easier than it might be otherwise.

A short time ago, Jesse and I were booked up in an important four-ball match against Mike Brady and Louis Teller. The match took place at the Essex County Club, one of Massachusetts' finest links, and was a real test of championship golf. The first hole is about 450 yards long—not an enormous long hole on paper, but a hole requiring two splendid wallops to fetch the green. The first shot must carry a prominent bank to reach the plateau, which enables the player to view the green.

What One Long One Did.
He must carry this embankment in order to get anywhere near the green on his second. Teller, Brady and myself all got long balls from the tee, and Guilford, striking, his felt forty of fifty yards short of where our balls lay. It seemed highly improbable that he could get home on his next shot, though I told him to give the ball a ride and hit it for all he was worth.

He loves to hit them hard, and he sailed into the ball with a vengeance and stopped twenty feet from the hole, after covering about 200 yards. The value of this swing can be appreciated when it is known that Guilford was the only one to reach the green, and he easily won the hole.

Of course, a long putt or a good approach is always a life-saver, but to carry the long pokes a step farther, we have Guilford on the same course playing the eighth green. This green is situated in such a manner that a brilliant shot is necessary to hold it. The fairway is very soft, and puts a premium on the shot that is all carry.

Four good drives were hit from the tee, with Guilford far out in front. The rest of us played our seconds with midrange—two balls running over the green and the third falling short.

Jesse had driven far enough so that he could play a masher for his next. This made things materially easy for him, because he could hold a masher shot much more easily than we were able to stop the ball with our midrange. He played a lovely shot, too, and held a tricky eight-foot putt for a three, and this figure on the eighth hole at Essex County is as scarce as hens' teeth.

Nowadays a person must have length to keep up with the leaders. For a time he may stave off defeat with a deadly approach or a sure putt, but it is merely a matter of time when he will fall behind. In a thirty-six hole match, a short player has only a slight chance of defeating a longer and accurate player.

WILLIAM F. BAKER IS AGAIN ELECTED PRESIDENT OF CLUB

Philadelphia, Jan. 8.—William F. Baker, of New York, was yesterday re-elected president of the Philadelphia National League club. He was re-elected vice-president and Samuel L. Clement, secretary.

The stockholders of the club unanimously approved the action of President Baker in selling Alexander and Kliffner to the Chicago National League Club.

MAY VISIT A NEW TRAINING CAMP

Washington, Jan. 8.—Prospect of a series of exhibition games with the Philadelphia Nationals in Florida and at military training camps during the trip homeward is causing Manager Griffith to give serious consideration to Tampa, Fla., as the spring training place for the Washington Americans. Griffith was advised yesterday that the games with Philadelphia could be arranged if he went to Tampa. He virtually had decided on Augusta, Ga.

LONGSHOREMEN TAKE VANCOUVER LEAGUE

Vancouver, Jan. 8.—The biggest surprise of the local soccer season came at its official ending on Saturday when the Hearts showed lamentable mediocrity in their game with Coughlans and permitted the shipyard men to hand the 1917-18 championship to the freight handlers of the waterfront. The score ended 2-1 in favor of Coughlans, and if it had gone on for an indefinite period the Hearts would not have equalized let alone winning. They simply could do nothing right.

GRAND CIRCUIT RACING WILL OPEN ON JULY 15

Columbus, Ohio, Jan. 8.—Indications at yesterday's preliminary meeting here of grand circuit stewards were that the 1918 grand circuit racing season would be opened at the North Randall, Cleveland, track, the week of July 15.

PARISIAN FIRM BUYS SCHOONER BUILT IN VICTORIA SHIPYARDS

Deal Covering Purchase of Beatrice Castle Put Through by W. G. Winterburn

Announcement was made to-day by W. G. Winterburn, M.J.N.A., consulting engineer of this city, that he has purchased the auxiliary schooner Beatrice Castle on behalf of Gallusser & Co., of Paris. The price paid for the Beatrice Castle has not been divulged. Mr. Winterburn has just returned from Vancouver, where he closed the deal with H. W. Brown, of the Canada West Coast Navigation Company. He states that arrangements are now in progress for the transfer of the vessel to the French flag, and she will be renamed the Stasia.

Mr. Winterburn, who is the representative of French shipping interests here, is negotiating for the purchase of more vessels for the Gallusser firm, and also for shipping interests in London.

In speaking of the purchase of the Beatrice Castle this morning, Mr. Winterburn stated that the vessel will be delivered over to him by January 20, after which she will be immediately equipped with supplies and dispatched to her loading port preparatory to making the voyage to France.

The question of change of registry is now under consideration. The plan to be adopted will probably be the granting of a provisional certificate by the Commissioner of Customs, as this will do away with all formalities in transferring the ship to the French flag on her arrival in Europe.

The Beatrice Castle was launched from the Point Ellice shipyard of the Cameron-Genoa Mills Shipbuilders, Ltd., on November 23 last. Her Beltrud engine, developing 350 horsepower, have been installed and her five masts stepped. She is 256 feet long over all, forty-three feet beam, and twenty-one feet deep, having a lumber carrying capacity of over 1,500,000 feet, or approximately 1,500 tons deadweight.

The vessel, which is the last of six schooners of the same type constructed at the Point Ellice plant, is at present lying in the Upper Harbor, moored alongside the sister ship Jean Steedman.

CAULKERS AT LYALL YARDS ORDERED BACK

Workmen's Executive Take Action and Avert Threatened Trouble

Vancouver, Jan. 8.—A near-strike of the caulkers at the Lyall shipyards at North Vancouver ended last night when the executive of the shipwrights, ship carpenters and caulkers met and ordered the caulkers at the yard, who quit work last week, back to their jobs this morning.

There was no question of wages involved, the caulkers being paid \$7 per day at present. It is said that the Lyall Company had been employing about 25 caulkers on the vessels being built on the North Shore for the Imperial Munitions Board. This number, it is claimed, have been found insufficient to keep up with the work and it is said that the company had for the past three months been attempting to make a deal with the men whereby sixty caulkers should be employed and that this had been refused. Thereupon the company is said to have offered a bonus, in addition to the \$7 a day, to the members of the union if they would absorb a certain number of young apprentice caulkers into their number and teach them the trade in a certain number of weeks, five or six. This is also said to have been turned down, although the men expressed themselves as willing to work two shifts a day, with double time for the second shift, or a total of \$21 a day.

REPAIRS TO PRINCE JOHN ARE COMPLETE; LEAVES FOR NORTH

After completing repairs at Yarrow's, Ltd., the G. T. P. steamer Prince John came around to her berth at the company's wharf in the Inner Harbor this morning, leaving again at noon for Nanaimo to load coal cargo for the north.

The Prince John, it was announced to-day by C. E. Jeany, Vancouver passenger agent, will leave Vancouver on Thursday night for Prince Rupert, and following her arrival at the northern terminal will immediately resume her alternate sailings to the Queen Charlotte Islands and Alaska.

Mr. Jeany made the trip up to Nanaimo on the Prince John and was accompanied by A. E. Disney, North Pacific Coast representative of the International Mercantile Marine Co.

PRINCESS VICTORIA GOES ON DRYDOCK

The G. P. R. steamer Princess Victoria left the Bellevue Street wharf this morning in tow, and proceeded to Esquimalt to be hauled out by Yarrow, Ltd., for hull cleaning and painting. This heralds the early return of the Princess Victoria to the gulf service.

HARBOR IS NOW MORE NAVIGABLE

Inner Harbor Association Reviews Improvements Effectuated During the Past Year

WIDER CHANNELS AND MORE DEPTH OF WATER

Favorable Comment on Progress of Shipbuilding Industry Here

Some interesting data relative to the development of Victoria's harbor is embodied in the eleventh annual report of the Inner Harbor Association, which report, elaborately illustrated, and prepared by Secretary Thomas C. Sorby, was read and adopted at the annual general meeting of the association held this afternoon in the Belmont Block.

The objects of this association are the advancement of systematic improvement of the harbor with a view to securing safe navigation, promoting general transportation facilities and fostering the trade and industries of the port.

Lower Harbor.
In a comprehensive manner the report deals with the development of the Lower Harbor as follows: "An increased width of about 60 feet is available on the west side of the harbor immediately south of the E. & N. railway bridge by the removal of rock from Discovery Rock, while Hospital Rock, east of Songhees Point, was also cut back about 80 feet, giving this additional width at the point where the C. P. R. ferry boats go astern before leaving the harbor. The area in James Bay immediately north of the C. P. R. wharf has been deepened from 14 to 20 feet below low water, providing a safe mooring basin for the larger ferry boats at all stages of the tide.

The north side of the main channel between Songhees Point and the entrance to West Bay has been further improved during the year, resulting in an additional width of 100 feet, by the removal of rock from the south of Pelly Island, and an increased width of 150 feet has been provided between Pelly Island and the entrance to West Bay.

Alternative Channel.
With the removal of additional rock from the south part of Pelly Island it will be possible in the near future to place the beacon southeast of Pelly Island on to the southern part of Pelly Island itself. The middle of the main channel immediately south of Pelly Island was deepened at points where silting up had taken place. At times when the dredges were not engaged on work of greater importance the work of providing an alternative channel to the north of Pelly Island has been proceeded with.

A further improvement has been made at Shoal Point resulting in an additional width of 100 feet and the original sharp turn for vessels entering and leaving the harbor has been greatly improved and has enabled the beacon to be placed 170 feet south of its former position.

Material Removed.
The total amount of rock, hardpan, clay, gravel and sand removed from the harbor during the year 1917 by the departmental plant has been approximately 252,000 cubic yards, of which total amount 16,000 cubic yards were rock, blasted by the drill plants; or broken by the Lohritz rock breaker. The outlay in these works during the year has been about \$120,000. In accordance with the recommendations of the department's present policy of retrenchment of expenditures due to war conditions, both the drilling plants and the orange peel bucket dredge Victoria have been laid up, with the result that less rapid progress with the harbor improvements, especially as regards the removal of rock, must now be anticipated.

Upper Harbor.
With regard to the Upper Harbor the report says: "Since the establishment of the shipbuilding industries in the Upper Harbor the work of the dredging plant has been concentrated to a considerable extent in improving that part of the harbor fronting the launching ways of the Cameron-Genoa Shipbuilders and the Foundation Company with the result that the area fronting the launching ways at the former yards has been deepened to 20 feet below low water while the same depth is being provided at the end of the Foundation Company's slipways.

The removal of Turpel's Rocks Nos. 1 and 2 in the centre of the Upper Harbor has been undertaken and the former minimum depth of six feet below low water will probably have been taken to twenty feet below low water by the end of the present year. These improvements will give every facility to the launching of ships and render the whole of the Upper Harbor navigable. The mooring basin at the Marine Department's wharf north of the railway bridge has been deepened to twenty feet below low water. The mooring berth at the whaling company's wharf near Point Ellice bridge was deepened from 15 to 20 feet at low water for the full length of the wharf, Shipbuilding Industry.

With the marked development of the shipbuilding industry at this port, particularly in view of the fact that the new plant are located in the Upper Harbor, the report, as is only to be expected, deals extensively with this particular phase of port development. Touching upon the operations of the Cameron-Genoa Mills Shipbuilders,

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Grand Trunk Pacific

Ltd., the report says in part: "The first ship was launched about February 1, 1917. So far there have been launched by that company six five-masted wooden schooners. These ships are 256 feet long over all, forty-three feet breadth of beam and twenty-one feet depth of hold, with a carrying capacity of from 1,500,000 to 1,700,000 feet of lumber, or 2,500 tons deadweight, equipped with auxiliary power of the Bolinder type of engine, developing 350 H.P. with a normal speed of seven knots when engine-driven, using fuel oil, and carrying a crew of fifteen men. They have proved to be excellent lumber carriers, being loaded with lumber for overseas markets as they have been completed and put into commission. These ships are classed A-1 at Lloyd's for twelve years. This shipyard has now on the ways and under construction four wooden steamers which are being built for the Imperial Munitions Board.

Dealing with the Foundation Company's yard at Point Hope, the report says: "These yards were established during the summer of 1917, and five wooden steamers are now on order for the Imperial Munitions Board four of which are in various stages of progress." Then follows the dimensions of these steamers and details of the fittings and machinery, full particulars of which have already been published in these columns. It goes on: "All parts of the hull and machinery are standardized, designed with the idea of providing a good commercial, fairly speedy type of cargo carrier capable of being built in the shortest possible time as a minimum cost.

"These two shipyards employ about 1,300 men and have a monthly payroll of about \$100,000."

Other sections of the report delve into the timber supply of the province, ship-repairing facilities, Yarrow's, Ltd., of Esquimalt, and the Victoria Machinery Depot, getting a fair share of descriptive matter; coal bunkering facilities, industrial water power and steamship services.

Relative to Selkirk Water, the report says: "The Canadian Northern Railway has erected a temporary trestle bridge across Selkirk Water and a movable span of the Scherzer lift type on concrete piers, having an opening of seventy feet clear, giving access to the proposed terminals on the former Songhees Indian Reserve. No arrangement has yet been made with the Government as to the acquisition of the land for the terminals, and in consequence there has been no development of this area."

Point Ellice Bridge.
Urging the desirability of a movable span in Point Ellice bridge the Board of Management of the Inner Harbor Association is quoted as follows: "The rapid development of the trade of the lumber mills and the expansion of the municipal yards has made the necessity of putting a movable span in Point Ellice bridge still more urgent. The cost of taking the raw material under the bridge and lightening or hauling the manufactured article from the mills to the sea-going vessels lying in the Lower Harbor, constitutes a tax on the industries of the city and an embargo upon the trade of the port. Transportation as a factor in the cost of production is of prime importance. It is the object of the Association to obtain the removal of these disabilities, and by reducing the prime cost incidental to the business of the port, to enable local industries to compete successfully with neighboring ports, and thus build up and strengthen our local manufactures."

Johnson Street Bridge.
The Board has steadily kept before the various public bodies concerned in the Johnson Street Bridge the necessity of securing an adequate clear opening and height for free passage of vessels, and has obtained the approval of the city and the Dominion Government for permission to replace some of the spans with openings 18 feet wide. The Department adds that a steel bridge will be necessary in time, and when this is started the points raised by the tugboat men will receive consideration.

Car-Ferries.
The Inner Harbor Association has always strongly advocated the development of car-ferry services here. In this connection it "notes with much interest the development of the car-ferry service in the harbor as marking an epoch in local shipping development. This form of transportation to and from the wharves should mean much to the possible commercial activities of the port."

GAME AND FISH AS BEEF SUBSTITUTES

Ottawa, Jan. 8.—The Food Controller's office has been receiving letters suggesting that the regulations in the different provinces of the Dominion protecting game and fish should be modified so that these foods might be available to a greater extent as substitutes for beef and bacon. Letters also are being received urging taxation and other steps to reduce the number of useless dogs which, it is urged, constitute a menace to sheep ranching and consequently have been responsible for keeping the industry in many parts of the country to very much smaller proportions than it ought to be. An official of the Food Controller's office stated to-day that these matters come entirely within the jurisdiction of the Provincial Governments and that communications should be addressed to them.

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NO SPECIAL FUND TO PAY SOLDIERS' TAXES

Dependents' Responsibilities
Considered Whether
Taxes or Rent

R. H. Swinerton, secretary of the
Victoria Patriotic Fund, in an inter-
view with The Times to-day stated
that the Patriotic Fund granted no
special allowances to cover the pay-
ment of taxes on houses of soldiers'
dependents as alleged in a letter read
by City Solicitor Hannington at last
evening's meeting of the City Council.
The writer of the communication stated
that at the meeting of the execu-
tive of the Union of B. C. Municipalities
held in Vancouver last week he
was very much surprised to learn from
His Worship Mayor Gray, of New
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made a special grant to soldiers' de-
pendents for the purpose of paying
municipal taxes, up to the maximum
of \$125 per annum.

After reading this morning's press
report, Mr. Swinerton immediately got
in touch with Mayor Gray, of New
Westminster, over the long-distance
wire, to make full inquiries concerning
the alleged statement. Mayor Gray
was much surprised and assured Mr.
Swinerton that he had been misunder-
stood at the Vancouver meeting. He
pointed out that some time ago there
had been an agitation to have taxes
of soldiers' dependents remitted by the
municipality itself. He further remarked
that there was no special fund of the
Patriotic Fund for the payment of
such taxes.

In making this statement to-day, Mr.
Swinerton said that in estimating the
allowance to be paid to dependents the
matter of a soldier's responsibility
through ownership of a house was al-
ways considered; and in the event of
his taxes, etc., aggregating \$10 a
month, the same allowance was given
his dependents as to those who rented
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\$125 per annum. With the exception of
Mayor Gray himself, I do not think
that anyone present at the meeting
had ever been aware of this fact and
great astonishment was expressed by
reason of it not having been made
public."

"In the case of New Westminster
Mayor Gray is himself very promi-
nent" in the Patriotic Fund manage-
ment and he has had no difficulty in
seeing that this tax fund is actually
used for its intended purpose, and that
the taxes are actually paid to his City
Treasurer. The other municipalities
represented at the meeting had natu-
rally not been so lucky, inasmuch as
they were not aware of the existence
of the fund.

"I suggest that this matter be taken
up by your Council with the manage-
ment of the Patriotic Fund in Victoria
in order to arrive at an arrangement
by which moneys granted for the pur-
pose of paying taxes will actually be
used for that purpose and paid direct
to the city accordingly, as in the case
of New Westminster."

The matter was referred to the in-
coming Council.

SINKING FUNDS

Return is to Be Made to Council, on
Alderman Fullerton's Initiative.

At the meeting of the City Council
last evening Alderman Fullerton ob-
tained the consent of the Council to
the following:

"That the Comptroller be requested
at the next meeting of the City Council
to furnish the following information:

"1. Total amount of sinking funds in
arrears of deposit by the City on local
improvement.
"2. The source of revenue to meet the
interest due on delinquent local im-
provement works.
"3. Total amount of arrears delin-
quent on account of local im-
provement sinking funds.
"4. Total amount of interest in ar-
rears owing on local improvement
works."

The report is to be in by the next
meeting.

ATTEND RECEPTION

Dr. Tolmie and J. C. McIntosh Guests
of Honor of Duncan Unionist
Committee.

Duncan Opera House was crowded
with over three hundred enthusiastic
supporters of the Union Government
last night when a reception was tend-
ered to Dr. S. F. Tolmie, M. P., and
C. J. McIntosh, M. P. Mrs. and Miss
Tolmie, and Mrs. McIntosh were also
present at the gathering, which was
arranged by the local Unionist com-
mittee.

In addition to speeches by the
newly-elected members, who were
heartily cheered, W. Patterson, the
chairman, gave a very brief address.
An excellent musical programme was
given, to which songs were contrib-
uted by Mrs. W. Dobson and R. Mus-
grave, Allan Mutter, Luscombe Poole,
G. F. Tait, and G. O. Pooley. Sev-
eral instrumental selections were ren-
dered by the Cowichan Amateur or-
chestra.

Following the programme the floor
was cleared for dancing, which was
kept up until an early hour, Miss
Bell's orchestra providing the music.
As a result of charging an admission
fee to the reception the sum of \$105
was raised for the benefit of the
King's Daughters Hospital at Duncan.

CHARGES ARE MADE AGAINST PETITIONS

However, City Council Will
Submit Plebiscite on Week-
ly Half-Holiday

In spite of a protest lodged by the
Retail Clerks' Union, the City Council
last evening passed the necessary mo-
tion for the submission of a plebiscite
on the Weekly Half-Holiday. Poll-
ing takes place on Thursday week.

The City Assessor reported that the
essential petitions had received the
 requisite number of names. He stated
that of 1,605 names, 996, or over ten per
cent, of the total voters, were valid
apparently. President Talbot, of the
Retail Clerks' Union, wrote that a
number of the signatures were not
good and that an injunction to re-
strain the submission of the refer-
endum would follow if the petitions
were accepted. Allegations of forgery
in names were made in the communi-
cation.

The Mayor said that when the mat-
ter was drawn to his attention that
afternoon, he had asked the Solicitor's
advice, and had been told that the As-
sessor had no right to challenge the
genuineness of the signatures. He
had not then discussed the question of
duplicates.

A Positive Duty.
Mr. Hannington, the City Solicitor,
observed that duplicates should go off.
With regard to alleged forgeries, the
Assessor was not a handwriting expert,
neither was he supposed to be, nor had
he right to assume that people were
committing a crime. The position pur-
ported to contain the necessary num-
ber of signatures and he considered
the act "imposed a positive duty" to
hold a referendum.

Mr. Northcott, in answer to a ques-
tion at this stage, said that there were
eight duplicates, which had been
erased.

Alderman Andros objected to the
interjection of this protest, and said it
was the best thing for everyone to have
the matter settled up at once by the
council set out in law, in place of the
wrangling which had taken place,
causing much controversy in the com-
munity.

Better Proceed.
Alderman Walker supported the
proposition, and pointed out that in
the face of so many conflicting inter-
ests they had better proceed. As he
understood it, there were sufficient
names on the petition, irrespective of
the list questioned.

A representative of the Retail Clerks'
Union stated their case. As an exam-
ple he pointed out that Mr. Sweeney
had signed five times, the extra signa-
tures being those of relatives. He also
said that the name of Mr. O'Neil was
attached to the petition, that gentle-
man being at the time with the Army.
He assured the Council that there were
over a hundred such cases.

The referendum motion was then
agreed to by the Council.

Pains Over Left Kidney

Warned This Captain That the
Kidneys Were Responsible for
His Pains and Aches—Freed
of Pain and Suffering by a
Well-Known Medicine

Hereford, Que., Jan. 8.—Captain
Peabody is well known all through this
section, and his cure by use of Dr.
Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills has aroused
great interest in this great medicine.

The Captain had been suffering for
a long time, and could never get any
treatment to afford lasting relief until
he began using Dr. Chase's Kidney-
Liver Pills.

Captain A. Peabody, Hereford, Que.,
writes: "For years I suffered from
indigestion, rheumatism and neural-
gia. Lightninglike pains would shoot
all through my body, and I also had
severe pains over my left kidney and
through the hips. I doctored for years
and tried all kinds of remedies, but
the only result was money spent with-
out relief. At last I read in Dr. Chase's
Almanac of his Kidney-Liver Pills
and decided to try them. One box
made such a change that I sent for
five more. Before I had finished them
the pains in my kidneys and hips had
disappeared, and I was clear of those
sharp, shooting pains through the
body. I still take these Pills occasion-
ally to keep my bowels regular, and
would not be without them, as I have
them to thank for my cure."

"I can also speak highly of Dr.
Chase's Catarrh Powder and Linseed
and Turpentine. The former cured
me of catarrh in the head, which
caused frequent headaches. I am
completely cured of this now, and
breathe freely as when a boy. The
Linseed and Turpentine proved of
great benefit for a bad cough which
bothered me continually for three
winters. Last winter I took one bot-
tle of the Linseed and Turpentine,
and have not been bothered with a
cough since."

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Imitations and substitutes only dis-
appoint."

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Members of the chapter and other
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given to sailors' children at the tea at
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